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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the George Washington University is important to the Nation and urging that the importance of the University be recognized and celebrated through regular ceremonies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 1996

Mr. STEARNS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the George Washington University is important to the Nation and urging that the importance of the University be recognized and celebrated through regular ceremonies.

Whereas on February 9, 1821, Congress chartered Columbian College, which was renamed the George Washington University (referred to in this resolution as the “University”) in 1904;

Whereas President James Monroe signed the University’s charter;

Whereas Congress adjourned and joined President Monroe for the University’s first commencement exercises;

Whereas in 1825 the University opened a College of Medicine;

Whereas the University has made and continues to make exceptional contributions to the health of the public, including the historic use the University's medical facilities as a military hospital during the Civil War;

Whereas the University continues to provide medical treatment to the people of the Nation ranging from presidents and members of Congress to indigent and homeless individuals;

Whereas the University has, in the past 175 years, contributed to the educational, cultural, and political enrichment of the Nation through synergistic associations with the Federal Government;

Whereas the University is the largest institution of higher education in the Nation's capital, and provides educational services to more than 19,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students each year; and

Whereas the University has rendered and continues to render exemplary service to the Nation through the achievement of the University's educational mission, with distinguished alumni holding prominent positions in business, law, government, medicine, and the arts and sciences: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—
 3 (1) the George Washington University has been
 4 and continues to be of exceptional importance to the
 5 Nation; and

1 (2) the importance of the George Washington
2 University should be recognized and celebrated
3 through regular ceremonies.

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