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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the first nutrition program for the elderly under the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Whereas older individuals who receive proper nutrition tend to live longer, healthier lives;

Whereas older individuals who receive meals through the nutrition programs carried out under the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) have better nutrition than older individuals who do not participate in the programs;

Whereas through the programs 123,000,000 meals were served to approximately 2,500,000 older individuals in congregate settings, and 119,000,000 meals were served to approximately 989,000 homebound older individuals, in 1995;

Whereas older individuals who participate in congregate nutrition programs carried out under the Act benefit not

only from meals, but also from social interaction with their peers, which has a positive influence on their mental health;

Whereas every dollar provided for nutrition services under the Older Americans Act of 1965 is supplemented by \$1.70 from State, local, tribal, and other Federal funds;

Whereas home-delivered meals provided under the Act are an important part of every community's home and community based long-term care program to assist older individuals to remain independent in their homes;

Whereas the home-delivered meals represent a lifeline to many vulnerable older individuals who are not able to shop and prepare meals for themselves;

Whereas the nutrition programs carried out under the Act successfully target the older individuals who are in greatest need and most vulnerable in the community; and

Whereas the nutrition programs have assisted millions of older individuals beginning with the enactment of Public Law 92-258, which established the first Federal nutrition program for older individuals, and continuing throughout the 25-year history of the programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That the Senate—*

3 (1) celebrates the 25th anniversary of the first
4 amendment to the Older Americans Act of 1965 to
5 establish a nutrition program for older individuals,
6 and

1 (2) recognizes that nutrition programs carried
2 out under the Older Americans Act of 1965 continu-
3 ously have made an invaluable contribution to the
4 well-being of older individuals.

Passed the Senate September 25, 1997.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.