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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the national nutrition program for the elderly, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its establishment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the national nutrition program for the elderly, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its establishment.

Whereas on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Public Law 92–258, which amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a national nutrition program for the elderly, commonly referred to as the “Elderly Nutrition Program”;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program has been expanded since its inception in 1972 to include 3 distinct components: congregate meals, home delivered meals, and the Nutrition Program for the Elderly in the Department of Agriculture;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program operates in every State and most counties and cities in the United States, providing seniors with guaranteed meals;

Whereas these meals each provide at a minimum 33 percent of the recommended daily allowances of nutrients;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program has provided more than 4,700,000,000 meals;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program is a vital component of a service network, providing a continuum of home- and community-based long-term care for seniors and helping them to avoid premature or unnecessary institutionalization;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program provides a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation;

Whereas a strong national network of nutrition service providers and thousands of dedicated volunteers administer the Elderly Nutrition Program; and

Whereas under the Elderly Nutrition Program, more than 272 million meals are provided each year to older individuals in the greatest economic or social need and to older Native Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That on the occasion of the 30th anniversary
 3 of the establishment of a national nutrition program for
 4 the elderly, commonly referred to as the “Elderly Nutri-
 5 tion Program”—

1 (1) it is the sense of the Congress that the pro-
2 gram is well-run and continues to achieve its objec-
3 tives on behalf of the senior citizens it serves; and

4 (2) the Congress—

5 (A) expresses appreciation for the daily
6 work of all the individuals, including volunteers,
7 who administer the program at the local level;
8 and

9 (B) recognizes the importance of the
10 present and future health and well-being of the
11 millions of senior citizens across the Nation, in-
12 cluding the maintenance of their independence
13 and dignity.

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