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H. RES. 460

Recognizing and honoring Justin W. Dart, Jr., for his accomplishments on behalf of individuals with disabilities and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2002

Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. LANGEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Justin W. Dart, Jr., for his accomplishments on behalf of individuals with disabilities and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

Whereas Justin W. Dart, Jr., was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1930;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., has been recognized as a pioneer and leader in the disability rights movement;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., operated successful businesses in the United States and Japan;

Whereas five Presidents, five Governors, and Congress have seen fit to appoint Justin Dart, Jr., to leadership positions within the area of disability policy, including Vice

Chairman of the National Council on Disability, Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Chairperson of the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, and Chairperson of the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., has been a civil rights activist for individuals with disabilities since he was stricken with polio in 1948 and has played a leadership role in numerous civil rights marches across the country;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., worked tirelessly to secure passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which was signed into law by President Bush, and is often recognized as a major driving force behind the disability rights movement and this landmark legislation;

Whereas on January 15, 1998, President Clinton awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian award, to Justin Dart, Jr.;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., has left a powerful legacy as a civil rights advocate and his actions have benefited the American people;

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., is not only remembered for his advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities, but also for his energetic spirit and the formal and informal independent living skills programs for individuals with disabilities that he supported; and

Whereas Justin Dart, Jr., passed away at his home on June 22, 2002, and is survived by his wife, Yoshiko Dart, five daughters, 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes Justin W. Dart, Jr., as one of
2 the true champions of the rights of individuals with
3 disabilities and for his many contributions to the
4 Nation throughout his lifetime, and honors him for
5 his tireless efforts to improve the lives of individuals
6 with disabilities; and

7 (2) recognizes that the achievements of Justin
8 Dart, Jr., have inspired and encouraged millions of
9 Americans with disabilities to overcome obstacles
10 and barriers so they can lead more independent and
11 successful lives.