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H. CON. RES. 256

Recognizing the Honorable Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on his 85th birthday.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. OWENS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. KILPATRICK, and Mr. JEFFERSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas throughout the incredible life of the Honorable Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, his continuous courage has inspired the Congress and given the Congress continuous energy to achieve not only a free South Africa but also a free and just world;

Whereas Nelson Mandela fought the abominable apartheid regime under the most strenuous conditions, including the 27-year political detention period;

Whereas during Nelson Mandela's tenure as the first democratically elected president of South Africa, he epitomized the goals of dignity, grace, and reconciliation;

Whereas Nelson Mandela is a source of strength and wisdom who continues to challenge the Congress to make the world a better place to live;

Whereas Nelson Mandela persists in bringing truth to issues confronting the world such as the AIDS pandemic and respect for internationally recognized norms and laws; and

Whereas July 18, 2003 marks Nelson Mandela's 85th birthday: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),* That the Congress recognizes the Honorable
3 Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on his 85th birthday and wish-
4 es him more wonderful years to come.

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