

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 299

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States of America, for his service in the United States Navy, and for his lifetime of work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless citizens of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

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Whereas from 1955 to 1960, Mr. Shriver served as president of the Chicago Board of Education;

Whereas Mr. Shriver earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander after 5 years of service in the United States Navy;

Whereas in 1960, Mr. Shriver began his career in public service by working as a political and organization coordinator

for Senator John F. Kennedy in the Wisconsin and West Virginia Presidential primaries;

Whereas from 1961 to 1966, Mr. Shriver organized and directed the Peace Corps, developing volunteer activities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America;

Whereas from 1964 to 1968, as the first Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity during President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, Mr. Shriver helped establish Head Start, VISTA, Community Action, Job Corps, Legal Services, Foster Grandparents, Indian and Migrant Opportunities, and Neighborhood Health Services;

Whereas in 1964, Mr. Shriver was appointed by President Johnson to serve as United States Ambassador to France;

Whereas in 1972, Mr. Shriver was selected by the Democratic party as the Vice Presidential candidate during Senator George McGovern's Presidential campaign against President Nixon;

Whereas in 1984, Mr. Shriver served as president of the Board of Directors of Special Olympics and was responsible for the operation and international development of sports programs around the world;

Whereas in 1990, Mr. Shriver was appointed chairman of the Board of Special Olympics;

Whereas in 2003, Mr. Shriver was appointed chairman of the Board Emeritus of Special Olympics and has held positions in many associations, including the American Council on Germany, the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry, the Navy League, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Knights of Columbus;

Whereas Mr. Shriver has been honored with numerous awards, including the Distinguished American Award from the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation for his work with the Peace Corps and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor; and

Whereas Mr. Shriver has been honored with more than 24 honorary degrees from universities around the world, including Yale University, Brandeis University, Boston College, Yeshiva University, the University of Liberia, and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) honors Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedica-
4 tion and service to the United States of America, for
5 his service in the United States Navy, and for his
6 lifetime of work acting as an ambassador for the
7 poor and powerless citizens of the United States;
8 and

1 (2) recognizes Mr. Sargent Shriver for his
2 steadfast dedication and lifelong service to his coun-
3 try.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 17,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.