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Honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2003

Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. MEEKS of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death.

Whereas Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, died on Monday, May 5, 2003;

Whereas Sisulu helped free both black and white people from the bondage of segregation while driving home the concept of equality for all;

Whereas Sisulu, along with Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned for 26 years for his role in seeking true democratic representation in South Africa;

Whereas, in 1910, the Union of South Africa established a whites only government that limited voting rights and im-

plemented South Africa's segregation policy, and, in 1948, the National Party won an all-white general election on a campaign promise to introduce a system of apartheid to totally separate the races;

Whereas opposition to the apartheid system by the black majority was ruthlessly suppressed until 1994, and during that time Sisulu fought tirelessly against this policy, sacrificing his life to free black South Africans;

Whereas, after the victory over apartheid, Sisulu did not take a position in the new government but instead worked in the community to advance the quality of life for the average man and woman that the former government had so long ignored; and

Whereas Sisulu had a vision of a united and representative government that serves the needs of all its people, and dared to dream and worked to build such a united and representative government: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the
- 3 movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occa-
- 4 sion of his death.

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