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Extending birthday greetings to Joseph Barbera on the occasion of his 100th birthday and designating March 2005 as “Animated Family Entertainment Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2004

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Extending birthday greetings to Joseph Barbera on the occasion of his 100th birthday and designating March 2005 as “Animated Family Entertainment Month”.

Whereas Joseph Barbera is one of the pioneers of animated entertainment, having created, with his partner, William Hanna, some of the world’s most recognizable and beloved characters, including Tom and Jerry, Huckleberry Hound, The Flintstones, The Jetsons, Scooby-Doo, and Yogi Bear, among many others;

Whereas Joseph Barbera is also one of the most honored figures in animated entertainment, his creations Tom and Jerry having received 7 Academy Awards for their antics, including their groundbreaking dancing appearances with Gene Kelly and Esther Williams in live action films, and

having won multiple Emmy Awards, and Joseph Barbera himself having been elected to the Television Academy Hall of Fame;

Whereas in 1960, the team of Joseph Barbera and William Hanna created television's first animated family sitcom, "The Flintstones", a series marked by a number of other firsts—the first animated series to air in primetime, the first animated series to go beyond the 6- or 7-minute cartoon format, and the first animated series to feature human characters;

Whereas "The Flintstones" ran for 6 years and became the top-ranking animated program in syndication history, with all original 166 episodes currently seen in more than 80 countries worldwide;

Whereas Joseph Barbera cocreated a cowardly Great Dane named Scooby-Doo, who eventually made his own place in television history, for the popular series "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?" remained in production for 17 years, still maintains the title of television's longest-running animated series, and serves as the inspiration for a series of current live-action films;

Whereas in 1981, Hanna-Barbera developed the phenomenally successful "The Smurfs", which won 2 Daytime Emmy Awards in 1982 and in 1983 for Outstanding Children's Entertainment Series and a Humanitas Award (an award given to shows that best affirm the dignity of the human person) in 1987;

Whereas at the age of 99, Joseph Barbera continues to work actively in the field, reporting to his office daily and continuing to develop new animated entertainment for the people of the United States and the world to enjoy;

Whereas March 24, 2005, will be Joseph Barbera’s 100th birthday; and

Whereas the lives of families across the United States and throughout the world have been enriched by the shared enjoyment of the work of creators like Joseph Barbera: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) on behalf of the American people, extends
3 its birthday greetings and best wishes to Joseph
4 Barbera on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and

5 (2) designates March 2005 as “Animated Fam-
6 ily Entertainment Month” and encourages the fami-
7 lies of the United States to take time to enjoy to-
8 gether the family entertainment created by the Na-
9 tion’s animated storytellers.

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