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Honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Robert E. O'Connor,
Jr.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOYLE (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. HART, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. GERLACH, Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. PLATTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Robert
E. O'Connor, Jr.

Whereas Robert E. O'Connor, Jr., was a life-long resident of
the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was a dedicated husband and father,
who was married to Judy Levine for more than 40 years
and who raised three children;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was a successful entrepreneur and
businessman for more than two decades;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was actively involved in his church
and community service, serving on the Board of Directors
of Carnegie-Mellon University, Gateway Rehabilitation

Institute, the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, The Caring Foundation, and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor loved the City and his community so much that he left the private sector in 1992 to serve on the Pittsburgh City Council, where he served his community effectively until 2003;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor served two terms as Pittsburgh City Council President;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor served the City of Pittsburgh and all of southwestern Pennsylvania in a high-ranking position in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a year;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was elected the 58th Mayor of Pittsburgh in 2005;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, as the Mayor of Pittsburgh, inspired the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh with his bold, clear vision for a revitalized, vibrant community;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, after being sworn in as Mayor in January of 2006, began moving forward energetically with plans to make that vision a reality;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, only seven months into his first term in office, was diagnosed with a primary central nervous system lymphoma;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor, after a valiant struggle to fight this aggressive form of cancer, passed away on September 1, 2006;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor was widely respected and loved for his warmth, friendliness, intelligence, integrity, and his dedication to the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Mr. O'Connor is remembered for his common sense, his many accomplishments, his long record of public service, and his dedication to the City of Pittsburgh;

Whereas the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh have suffered a grievous loss in the untimely early death of this popular and talented leader; and

Whereas the example set by Mr. O'Connor in both his public and private life was exemplary: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) has learned with profound sorrow of the
3 death of Bob O'Connor;

4 (2) recognizes Bob O'Connor as a role model of
5 entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and public serv-
6 ice in southwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the
7 entire Nation;

8 (3) expresses its deep gratitude to Bob O'Con-
9 nor for working tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of
10 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

11 (4) extends condolences to his wife, Judy, his
12 children, Heidy, Terrence, and Corey, his extended
13 family, and his many friends; and

14 (5) extends condolences to the residents of the
15 City of Pittsburgh.

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