

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 988

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Joe Rosenthal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

Mr. POE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Joe Rosenthal.

Whereas Joe Rosenthal was born in Washington, D.C., and
lived in San Francisco, California;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal was a World War II combat photog-
rapher;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal crossed the North Atlantic in Liberty
ships that were attacked by German U-boats;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal was in London, England, during the
Blitz;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal was with the Marines when they
landed in Guam, Peleliu, Angaur, and Iwo Jima;

Whereas Joe Rosenthal won the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for the
Iwo Jima photograph;

Whereas the Pulitzer Committee described the photo as “depicting one of the war’s great moments”;

Whereas the Iwo Jima photograph featured Pfc. Franklin Sousley (USMC) from Kentucky, Cpl. Harlon Block (USMC) from Texas, Sgt. Michael Strank (USMC) from Pennsylvania, PhM2. John Bradley (USN) from Wisconsin, Cpl. Rene Gagnon (USMC) from New Hampshire, and Cpl. Ira Hayes (USMC) from Arizona, raising a flag on Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945;

Whereas this photograph is one of the most famous war photographs taken;

Whereas this photograph was used to collect \$26.3 billion in the 1945 War Bond drive;

Whereas this photograph has been reproduced on postage stamps, calendars, newspapers, magazines, and posters;

Whereas this photograph symbolizes the fighting spirit of the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas this photograph was the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the accomplishments of Joe Rosenthal for his contribution
- 3 to reporting on World War II and expresses to his family
- 4 and friends its deepest condolences upon his death.

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