

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 249

Recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to  
intercultural understanding and to youth travel.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of  
service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel.

Whereas travel promotes awareness and knowledge of peoples, places, and cultures;

Whereas hostelling is educational travel, local and global, using hostels and programs to facilitate interaction among travelers, and with local communities;

Whereas hostels are simple, safe, shared accommodations that promote community and cooperation among users and introduce young people of limited means to travel;

Whereas Hostelling International USA (HI-USA) is a non-profit educational organization established in 1934 as American Youth Hostels to promote hostelling in the United States;

Whereas HI–USA since its founding has welcomed in its hostels more than 22,000,000 overnight stays of visitors from the United States and more than 150 countries worldwide;

Whereas HI–USA today has a network of 70 hostels in areas of cultural, historic, and recreational interest, often in partnership with public, private, and other nonprofit organizations, that annually hosts nearly 1,000,000 overnights stays by both domestic and foreign travelers;

Whereas HI–USA today offers programs through its hostels and local chapters that promote the appreciation of local culture and environment, while facilitating the discovery of both world and self, to more than 65,000 participants annually; and

Whereas HI–USA has made a unique and notable contribution to intercultural understanding in the United States and worldwide, especially among the young: Now, therefore, be it

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

3                (1) congratulates Hostelling International USA  
4                for its 75 years of service; and

5                (2) commends Hostelling International USA for  
6                its contributions to intercultural exchange and its  
7                leadership in the field of youth travel.

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