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H. RES. 466

Honoring and recognizing the achievements of Barbara Hillary, the first African-American woman on record to reach the North Pole.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS of New York (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CARSON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. WATT, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WYNN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. JEFFERSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring and recognizing the achievements of Barbara Hillary, the first African-American woman on record to reach the North Pole.

Whereas Barbara Hillary, a retired nurse and community activist, has always had an adventurous spirit;

Whereas after learning that no African-American woman had ever reached the North Pole, Barbara Hillary hired a personal trainer, enrolled in cross-country skiing lessons, and raised money for the trek;

Whereas, on April 23, 2007, at 75 years old, Barbara Hillary, accompanied by 2 trained guides, became the first woman on record to reach the North Pole;

Whereas, although not recognized for decades after accomplishing this feat in 1909, Matthew Henson was the first Black man to reach the North Pole;

Whereas Matthew Henson is a hero and an inspiration to Barbara Hillary;

Whereas, although such record-keeping is not perfect, there is no known record of a Black woman reaching the North Pole before Barbara Hillary; and

Whereas, through her experience, Barbara Hillary has been inspired to become a global warming activist, and she plans to lecture groups on the effects of global warming that she personally witnessed and advise groups on what they can do to help: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 and recognizes the achievements of Barbara Hillary.

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