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H. RES. 190

Honoring the life of Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro, the first woman selected by a major political party as its candidate for Vice President.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. GRIMM, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HANNA, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro, the first woman selected by a major political party as its candidate for Vice President.

Whereas Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro served the people of the 9th Congressional district of New York for 6 years;

Whereas Congresswoman Ferraro worked her way through law school at Fordham University, at a time when very few women did so;

Whereas Congresswoman Ferraro then joined the Queens County District Attorney's Office, where she supervised

the prosecution of a variety of violent crimes, including child and domestic abuse;

Whereas in 1978, New York's Ninth Congressional district in Queens elected Congresswoman Ferraro to the United States House of Representatives, where she was one of only sixteen women members of the House;

Whereas Congresswoman Ferraro's legislative achievements included her sponsorship of the Women's Economic Equity Act, landmark legislation to end pension discrimination and provide increased job training and opportunities for women re-entering the workforce;

Whereas in 1984, Congresswoman Ferraro's status as a leader was confirmed when she was named Chairwoman of the Platform Committee for the Democratic Convention, the first woman to hold that position;

Whereas when she was nominated as the running mate of Vice President Walter F. Mondale in the 1984 presidential race, Congresswoman Ferraro became the first woman ever chosen to run on the national ticket of either of America's two major political parties;

Whereas Congresswoman Ferraro's candidacy continues the progress begun by women who achieved political firsts before her and helped to tear down barriers to the full and equal participation of women in national politics;

Whereas in January 1993, President Clinton appointed Ms. Ferraro a United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, a role from which she championed the rights of women around the world; and

Whereas Geraldine Ferraro's 1984 bid for Vice President helped our daughters join our sons in believing they could

achieve anything they set their minds to: Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives recognizes
3 that Geraldine Ferraro’s vice-presidential candidacy
4 forever enriched the American political landscape
5 and forged a new path for American women;

6 (2) the House of Representatives pays tribute
7 to Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro’s work to
8 improve the lives of women and families not only in
9 the Ninth Congressional District of New York, who
10 she represented so well, but also the lives of women
11 and families all across the United States;

12 (3) the Clerk of the House is directed to com-
13 municate these resolutions to the Senate and trans-
14 mit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased; and

15 (4) when the House of Representatives adjourns
16 today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of re-
17 spect to the memory of Congresswoman Geraldine A.
18 Ferraro.

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