

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 689

Honoring Catholic sisters for their contributions to the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2012

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. CARDOZA, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Ms. ESHOO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring Catholic sisters for their contributions to the  
United States.

Whereas approximately 220,000 Catholic sisters have served  
in the United States since its founding;

Whereas there are approximately 57,000 Catholic sisters in  
the United States today;

Whereas Catholic sisters are women who dedicate their lives  
to God by serving God's people, especially the poor, the  
sick, and the marginalized;

Whereas fortified by a deep faith in God and an unwavering  
commitment to the common good, American Catholic sis-  
ters were instrumental in building the Catholic Church in

the United States through their ministry to the vulnerable and the poor;

Whereas individuals trained by Catholic sisters serve as health care providers in communities across our country;

Whereas Catholic hospitals treat approximately 1 in 6 patients in the United States;

Whereas Catholic sisters helped establish the nation's largest private school system, educating millions of young Americans;

Whereas more than 150 United States colleges and universities were founded by Catholic sisters;

Whereas since 1980, 9 American sisters have been martyred while working for social justice and human rights overseas;

Whereas Catholic sisters who have answered Vatican II's call to seek "justice in the world" continue this vital mission today: teaching our children in schools, healing the sick in hospitals, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, administering major institutions, encouraging corporate responsibility, and advocating for public policies that honor human dignity; and

Whereas the Leadership Council of Women Religious, NETWORK, and all the individual congregations of women religious, make our nation stronger and deserve our deepest appreciation: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) recognizes and commends our nation's
- 3       Catholic sisters, whose inspiring legacy of service
- 4       continues to enrich our nation;

1           (2) honors the contributions of Catholic sisters  
2           to this country; and

3           (3) stands in solidarity with Catholic sisters'  
4           mission to work toward a more just society for all  
5           of God's people.

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