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Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Ms. Foundation for Women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Ms. MCCLELLAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Ms. Foundation
for Women.

Whereas Ms. Foundation for Women was founded in 1973 by Gloria Steinem, Patricia Cabrine, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, and Marlo Thomas, becoming the first national public foundation to focus on elevating issues that impact women and girls as well as the national model for sustainable, trust-based philanthropic support of women-led movements;

Whereas the mission is to build women's collective power to realize a Nation of equality and justice for all, and the

Ms. Foundation works to bring attention to the real challenges facing women and nonbinary people of color;

Whereas Ms. Foundation values integrity, trust and respect, interconnectedness, and social justice; believes power and possibility are not limited by gender, race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or age; and maintains that freedom and equality are the cornerstones of a true democracy;

Whereas by centering the voices and experiences of women and girls of color and working to dismantle structural barriers to equal opportunity based on race and gender, Ms. Foundation ensures collective power and access to achieve gender and racial equality for all;

Whereas Ms. Foundation achieves its mission by investing in and strengthening the capacity of women of color-led movements to advance meaningful social, cultural, and economic change and advocating for national and state-wide policy changes;

Whereas, since 1973, the Ms. Foundation has invested over \$90,000,000 in more than 1,600 organizations fighting for gender and racial justice nationwide;

Whereas the Ms. South strategy has moved over \$1,000,000 to 13 States in the southern United States;

Whereas Ms. Foundation received the Presidential Award for Excellence in 1999 to recognize the success of the Collaborative Fund for Women and Economic Development, which leveraged over \$12,000,000 in support of grassroots women's organizations to promote women's economic security;

Whereas the Girls of Color Initiative has provided more than \$1,000,000 to 70 grantee partners centering cisgender, transgender, and queer girls of color nationwide;

Whereas through its capacity-building work, Ms. Foundation has invested more than \$1,400,000 to provide over 300 engagements in leadership training, coaching, and financial management;

Whereas because empowerment of young girls is core to its vision, Ms. Foundation created Take Our Daughters to Work Day, now more widely known as Take Your Child To Work Day, which has become one of the most successful national public education campaigns ever launched and now has 35,000,000 participants each year;

Whereas Ms. Foundation has expanded its commitment to achieving true reproductive justice through its investments in organizations working at the local, State, and national levels to ensure all people have access to the full range of reproductive health care and the freedom to choose if and when to parent; and

Whereas, on May 16, 2023, Ms. Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary at its annual Women of Vision Awards in New York City, New York: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Ms.
3 Foundation for Women;

4 (2) commends Teresa Younger, the President
5 and CEO of the Ms. Foundation, for her leadership
6 and the continued growth and success of the Ms.
7 Foundation for Women; and

1 (3) acknowledges the Ms. Foundation for
2 Women as a national leader in the fight for equality
3 and justice for all.

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