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Recognizing and honoring Johnny Grant for his work as the Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, California, for more than a quarter of a century.

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Ms. WATSON (for herself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. JONES, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. RICHARDSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Johnny Grant for his work as the Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, California, for more than a quarter of a century.

Whereas Johnny Grant was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and resided in Hollywood, California;

Whereas Johnny Grant served as the chairman of the famed Hollywood Walk of Fame Selection Committee, which is responsible for one of Hollywood's most important visitor attractions, and the Hollywood Historic Trust, which provided financial support to many historic projects;

Whereas Johnny Grant's ebullient style and sense of showmanship was evident as he produced the annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, seen worldwide for more than a quarter of a century;

Whereas Johnny Grant served as Honorary Mayor of Hollywood and as the community's Ambassador of Goodwill worldwide, and had 50 distinguished years of activity in show business;

Whereas Johnny Grant was an international emissary and was known throughout the world for his patriotism and enthusiastic promotion of Hollywood as the Film Capital of the World;

Whereas Johnny Grant was a pioneer in the radio and television industry, hosting one of television's first game shows, being the top radio personality in Los Angeles for a decade, serving as vice president of public affairs for Golden West Broadcasting, and serving in Gene Autry's radio and television empire for more than 46 years;

Whereas Johnny Grant donated his time and talents as a producer and master of ceremonies to more than 3,500 events for charitable organizations such as the USO, Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and the Salvation Army, helping them raise tens of millions of dollars for their causes;

Whereas Johnny Grant led some 60 morale-building trips to bring joy and a "touch of home" to members of the Armed Forces stationed in Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and many other areas;

Whereas the vision and character that Johnny Grant brought to the entertainment industry and to Hollywood in particular will be sorely missed; and

Whereas, on January 9, 2008, Johnny Grant passed away and left a void in the Hollywood industry: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Johnny Grant as a key contributor to the revitalization of the image of Hollywood;

3 (2) honors Johnny Grant for his service to the country, tremendous accomplishments, and contributions to the industry and the Nation; and

4 (3) recognizes and expresses gratitude to Johnny Grant for the generous donation of his personal and extensive film collection series to the Department of State to be used as part of the Department's ongoing public diplomacy programs worldwide, the first official contribution to the Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2008.

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