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Recognizing and honoring the Young Men's Christian Association on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in the United States.

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Whereas 2001 is the 150th anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association (commonly referred to as the YMCA) in the United States;

Whereas YMCAs have touched the lives of virtually all people in the United States by pioneering various activities, including camping, public libraries, night schools, group

swimming lessons and lifesaving, and teaching English as a second language;

Whereas YMCAs are dedicated to building strong youth, strong families, and strong communities;

Whereas YMCAs serve people of all ages, genders, incomes, and abilities through a wide variety of services designed to meet changing community and societal needs;

Whereas every day the more than 2,400 YMCAs in the United States live their mission through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all;

Whereas the YMCA invented the sport of volleyball;

Whereas YMCAs are collectively one of the largest providers of social services to the Nation's families and communities, and YMCA programs serve nearly 18,000,000 people, including 9,000,000 children, in the United States each year;

Whereas YMCAs are collectively the Nation's largest child care provider, and YMCA programs serve 1 in 10 teenagers in the United States and incorporate the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility;

Whereas each YMCA is volunteer-founded, volunteer-based, and volunteer-led;

Whereas YMCAs have a long history of partnerships with other community organizations, including schools, hospitals, police departments, juvenile courts, and housing authorities;

Whereas YMCAs have provided war relief services since the Civil War, aiding millions of soldiers at home and abroad;

Whereas YMCA programs inspire a spirit of adventure and challenge individuals to learn new skills, try new activi-

ties, and explore other cultures, while being good citizens of their communities;

Whereas Father's Day in its present form was created at a YMCA;

Whereas many organizations began at YMCAs, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Camp Fire Girls, the Negro National Baseball League, the Gideons, and the Toastmasters;

Whereas YMCAs helped found the United Service Organization; and

Whereas the Peace Corps was patterned on a YMCA program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) honors the Young Men's Christian Associa-
4 tion (commonly referred to as the YMCA) for 150
5 years of building strong youth, strong families, and
6 strong communities in the United States; and

7 (2) expresses support for the continued good
8 work of the YMCA during the next 150 years.

Passed the House of Representatives June 26, 2001.

Attest:

Clerk.