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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Mr. PAYNE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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 kids, 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 sports of basketball and 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 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 YMCAs serve nearly 18,000,000 people each year in the United States, and 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 activities, and explore other cultures, while being good citizens of their communities;

Whereas Father's Day began in the YMCA;

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

Whereas YMCAs helped found the United Service Organization;

Whereas the Peace Corps was patterned on a YMCA program; and

Whereas YMCAs will continue to provide vital services for the communities of the United States and serve as a force for hope for many years: 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 kids, strong families, and
6 strong communities in the United States;

7 (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-
8 tion honoring the YMCA for its positive impact in
9 the United States during the past 150 years; and

10 (3) expresses support for the continued good
11 work of the YMCA during the next 150 years.

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