

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1510

Expressing support for the designation of September 4, 2026, as “Taekwondo Grandmasters Appreciation Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 4, 2026, as “Taekwondo Grandmasters Appreciation Day”.

Whereas Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that developed through thousands of years of Korean history;

Whereas the origins of Taekwondo are rooted in the ancient kingdom of Koguryo with the defense martial art known as “Subak” or “Taekkyon”;

Whereas the word “taekwondo” is composed of 3 parts: “tae,” meaning foot or to step on, “kwon,” meaning fist or fight and “do,” meaning the way or discipline;

Whereas, while both hands and feet are used in taekwondo, the sport is characterized by its unique combination of kick movements;

Whereas, in addition to sporting and self-defense skills, Taekwondo also provides health benefits, including flexibility, stamina, strength and posture;

Whereas Taekwondo also emphasizes mental discipline and character through the Taekwondo tenets of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit;

Whereas, in 1973, the World Taekwondo Federation was founded as the official governing body over Taekwondo;

Whereas, in 2008, South Korea designated September 4 as “International Taekwondo Day” in recognition of the day Taekwondo became an Olympic sport on September 4, 1994;

Whereas, today, Taekwondo is practiced worldwide by 80,000,000 people of all ages and backgrounds;

Whereas the title of “grandmaster” is reserved for the highest-ranking, most experienced, and most respected Taekwondo practitioners; and

Whereas Taekwondo and its grandmasters provide numerous physical and mental benefits to many people across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ex-
- 2 presses support for “Taekwondo Grandmasters Apprecia-
- 3 tion Day”.

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