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Honoring the Berlin Airlift.

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Whereas the Allied effort to supply the people of Berlin, Germany, with food, fuel, and supplies in the face of the illegal Soviet blockade that divided the city was one of the greatest military and humanitarian efforts in the history of the world;

Whereas this 15 month Allied effort became known throughout the free world as the “Berlin Airlift” and ultimately

cost the lives of 78 Allied airmen, of whom 31 were United States fliers;

Whereas this heroic humanitarian undertaking was universally regarded as an unambiguous statement of Western resolve to thwart further Soviet expansion;

Whereas the Berlin Airlift was an unqualified success, both as an instrument of diplomacy and as a life saving rescue of the 2,000,000 inhabitants of West Berlin, with 2,326,205 tons of supplies delivered by 277,728 flights over a 462-day period;

Whereas historians and citizens the world over view the success of this courageous action as pivotal to the ultimate defeat of international tyranny, symbolized today by the fall of the Berlin Wall; and

Whereas this inspiring act of resolve must be preserved in the memory of future generations in a positive and dramatic manner: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 celebration of the Berlin Airlift should include the presen-
 4 tation of a suitable gift of representational art from the
 5 citizens of the United States of America to the citizens
 6 of the Federal Republic of Germany, commemorating the
 7 fall of the “Berlin Wall” and the reunification of this great
 8 city and, to this end, civic and corporate leaders across
 9 the Nation are entrusted to fulfill this intent using private

- 1 subscription and volunteer effort with the encouragement
- 2 and support of the United States Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.