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H. RES. 127

Acknowledging the achievements of the late Robert Condon and the Rolling Readers USA program he founded in advancing children's literacy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. FILNER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the achievements of the late Robert Condon and the Rolling Readers USA program he founded in advancing children's literacy.

Whereas Robert Condon, realizing the profound benefits of reading aloud to his sons, began to read aloud to children in a homeless shelter and at a Head Start preschool;

Whereas he expanded his reading to include children in Boys and Girls Clubs, after-school programs, and public housing sites;

Whereas he soon recruited 10 volunteers to spend an hour a week reading to 400 economically disadvantaged children;

Whereas in 1991, Robert Condon organized Rolling Readers USA, a nonprofit organization which has grown from one man's ideals and commitment to service to become Cali-

fornia's largest, and one of the nation's premier, volunteer-based children's literacy organizations;

Whereas over 40,000 Rolling Readers USA volunteers now read to and tutor 300,000 children every week and give \$3,000,000 worth of new books to children each year, often the first books these children have owned;

Whereas Robert Condon also opened a book store to sell children's books at up to 90 percent off the cover price;

Whereas upon the death of Robert Condon in January 1999 at the young age of 40, Rolling Readers USA is sponsoring a national read-in day on March 27, 1999 to commemorate his life and achievements; and

Whereas the work of Robert Condon and Rolling Readers has made a significant difference in the lives of thousands of children and the adults who continue to carry forth his dream: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) acknowledges the achievements of the late
3 Robert Condon and the Rolling Readers USA pro-
4 gram he founded in advancing children's literacy
5 through volunteerism; and

6 (2) supports the goals and ideas of the national
7 read-in day sponsored by Rolling Readers USA to
8 commemorate Robert Condon's achievements.

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