

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 287

To commend Serena Williams on winning the 1999 U.S. Open Women's
Singles and Doubles championships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

Ms. CARSON (for herself, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CLAY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. FORD, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BISHOP, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. DIXON, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TOWNS, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

To commend Serena Williams on winning the 1999 U.S.
Open Women's Singles and Doubles championships.

Whereas on September 11, 1999, Serena Williams captured
the U.S. Open Women's Singles title at age 17 in only
her second year as a pro;

Whereas Serena Williams finished the singles final with big
serves and 8 aces, pushing her tournament total to 62,
40 more aces than any other player;

Whereas one day after winning the Singles title, Serena teamed with her sister Venus to win the U.S. Open Women's Doubles title;

Whereas Serena and Venus Williams received their early training from their father, Richard, a security agency owner with no formal tennis training, on public tennis courts in and around Compton, a suburb of Los Angeles, California;

Whereas upon beating the No. 1 and No. 2 seeded women professional tennis players to capture the U.S. Open title, Serena Williams moved up in the rankings from No. 6 to No. 4;

Whereas at 17 years old, Serena joins an elite class that includes Margaret Court, Billie Jean King, and Martina Navratilova as the only women who have won the Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles championships of the U.S. Open in their career; and

Whereas Serena Williams is the first African-American woman to win a Grand Slam title since Althea Gibson in 1958: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
- 2 mends Serena Williams on winning the 1999 U.S. Wom-
- 3 en's Open Singles and Doubles championships.

