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H. CON. RES. 336

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the life and works of John Steinbeck.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2002

Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. BACA, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. LEE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. HONDA, Ms. WATSON of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. STARK, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. ESHOO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the life and works of John Steinbeck.

Whereas John Steinbeck brought honor to the United States as a distinguished writer and endured criticism and suspicion in this country for his progressive ideas and for the progressive themes of his novels, short stories, and screenplays;

Whereas the works of John Steinbeck reflect a deeply compassionate view of the United States and its people;

Whereas through his writings John Steinbeck promoted a greater understanding of the lives of people who experi-

enced difficult economic times, war, the fulfillment of scientific study, the value of hard labor, and the difficulties and joys associated with the bonds within families and between friends;

Whereas people from around the world are attracted to the central coast of California to visit the bountiful Monterey Bay and rich agricultural valleys in which many of John Steinbeck's works are set;

Whereas the legacy of the writings of John Steinbeck, including "Cannery Row", "Tortilla Flat", "Of Mice and Men", "East of Eden", "The Red Pony", "In Dubious Battle", and "Travels with Charley: In Search of America", is the encouragement of literacy and a pride in, and appreciation of, American literature;

Whereas John Steinbeck was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1940 for "The Grapes of Wrath";

Whereas John Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962;

Whereas John Steinbeck has been honored by the United States with a Medal of Freedom from President Lyndon Johnson, a United States Postal Service Commemorative Stamp, and an American Gold Medallion issued by the United States Mint; and

Whereas February 27, 2002, is the centennial of the birth of John Steinbeck: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress expresses its profound respect
- 3 for, and deep appreciation of, the life and works of John

- 1 Steinbeck and his contributions to the promotion of read-
- 2 ing and literature.

