

108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 450

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2004

Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people.

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring),*

Whereas Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner were civil rights organizers who participated in the Freedom Summer Project organized by the Council of Federated Organizations to register African Americans in the Deep South to vote;

Whereas on June 21, 1964, after leaving the scene of a firebombed church in Longdale, Mississippi, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner were murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan who opposed their efforts to establish equal rights for African Americans;

Whereas June 21, 2004, is the 40th anniversary of the day Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner sacrificed their lives in the fight against racial and social injustice while working to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States;

Whereas the deaths of the 3 men brought attention to the struggle to guarantee equal rights for African Americans which led to the passage of monumental civil rights legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965;

Whereas the courage and sacrifice of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner should encourage all citizens of the United States, and especially young people, to dedicate themselves to the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality; and

Whereas citizens throughout the United States will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the deaths of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner to honor the contributions they made to the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) recognizes the 40th anniversary of the day  
4        civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James  
5        Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives; and

6            (2) encourages all Americans to observe the an-  
7        niversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing  
8        themselves to the fundamental principles of freedom,  
9        equality, and democracy.

Passed the House of Representatives June 21, 2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*