

H. Res. 357

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 30, 2003.

Whereas Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, England, and immigrated to the United States in 1907 at the age of 4;

Whereas Bob Hope entertained America on the vaudeville circuit, the Broadway stage, and in over 1,100 radio shows, 75 movies, and 475 television programs;

Whereas for more than 5 decades Bob Hope entertained the Nation's troops overseas with the United Service Organizations (USO), putting on shows during World War II, the Korea War, the Vietnam War, and the first Persian Gulf War;

Whereas during his lifetime Bob Hope donated more than 1 billion dollars to hospitals, charities, and civic organizations;

Whereas Bob Hope received the Congressional Gold Medal in 1962, in recognition of his service to his country and the cause of peace, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1969, in honor of his gifts of joy to all the American people;

Whereas Bob Hope's commitment to the Nation's troops was so great that he was the first person ever to be recog-

nized by the United States Congress as an honorary veteran;

Whereas Bob Hope received the Distinguished Service Medal from each branch of the Armed Forces;

Whereas Bob Hope was awarded 5 special Oscars, the George Peabody Award, and more than 50 honorary degrees; and

Whereas, on July 27, 2003, America was greatly saddened by the death of Bob Hope: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors Bob Hope for his legendary career as an entertainer, decades of dedicated service to the men and women of the Armed Forces, and his many philanthropic and humanitarian acts; and

(2) expresses condolences on his passing to his wife Dolores, their children, and grandchildren.

Attest:

Clerk.