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# H. RES. 49

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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Whereas Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Ilan Ramon volunteered for and were chosen to be the crew for mission STS-107 on space shuttle Columbia;

Whereas it is a brave and heroic act to volunteer and be selected for such a mission;

Whereas the Columbia experienced a failure and was destroyed over the States of Texas and Louisiana as it approached to land on February 1, 2003;

Whereas the crew members on Columbia risked their lives in space exploration for the betterment of mankind; and

Whereas the selfless dedication and courage demonstrated by these astronauts should be honored in the highest manner: Now, therefore, be it

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3   dential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Rick Husband,  
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