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# H. CON. RES. 118

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. RANGEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Madame C. J. Walker should be recognized for her achievements in business, her inventions, and her commitment to the African-American community.

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker was born on December 23, 1867, on a plantation in Delta, Louisiana;

Whereas, in 1905, Madame C. J. Walker invented a conditioning treatment designed to aid in the straightening of hair, as well as an entire line of cosmetic products;

Whereas, in 1910, Madame C. J. Walker ordered the construction of a factory in Indianapolis to manufacture her line of cosmetic products;

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker was committed to employing women in all aspects of her business;

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker was a noted philanthropist, giving generously to black charities, including the NAACP and the National Association of Colored Women;

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker encouraged her agents to similarly assist black humanitarian organizations nationwide;

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker was one of the first American women—black or white—to amass a personal net worth of more than 1 million dollars as a result of her own efforts, thereby becoming one of the most successful businesspersons of the early twentieth century by the time of her death; and

Whereas Madame C. J. Walker died on May 25, 1919, at the age of 52: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that Madame  
3 C. J. Walker should be recognized as one of history's  
4 greatest female businesswomen and role models for the  
5 Nation's young people.

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