

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 358

Expressing thanks to the people of the city of Rome for welcoming several million people into Rome and Vatican City during the funeral observances of Pope John Paul II in April 2005.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2005

Mr. FOSSELLA (for himself, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. McNULTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing thanks to the people of the city of Rome for welcoming several million people into Rome and Vatican City during the funeral observances of Pope John Paul II in April 2005.

Whereas Pope John Paul II passed away on April 2, 2005;

Whereas Pope John Paul II was widely admired among people of all backgrounds, faiths, ages, races, and nations, including those of the Catholic faith;

Whereas this widespread admiration manifested itself in many ways, but most concretely in an influx of several million people into the city of Rome and Vatican City for the funeral observances of Pope John Paul II;

Whereas for more than three weeks crowds filled the streets of Rome;

Whereas incidences of crime in Rome were nonexistent or nearly nonexistent during this period; and

Whereas the residents of Rome, local businessmen, officials of Vatican City, and officials of the government of Rome and the Italian Government welcomed these visitors with open arms: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ex-  
2 presses thanks to the residents of the city of Rome, local  
3 businessmen, officials of Vatican City, and officials of the  
4 government of Rome and the Italian Government for wel-  
5 coming several million people into Rome and Vatican City  
6 during the funeral observances of Pope John Paul II in  
7 April 2005.

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