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# S. CON. RES. 89

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the historic congressional charter of the  
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2006

Mr. GREGG submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the 100th anniversary of the historic congressional  
charter of the National Society of the Sons of the Amer-  
ican Revolution.

Whereas the National Society of the Sons of the American  
Revolution (referred to in this preamble as the “Sons of  
the American Revolution”) was—

(1) founded on April 30, 1889; and

(2) chartered by Congress 100 years ago on June 9,  
1906;

Whereas the congressional charter was signed by President  
Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the Sons of  
the American Revolution;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution was conceived  
as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal de-  
scendants of individuals who—

- (1) wintered at Valley Forge;
- (2) signed the Declaration of Independence;
- (3) fought during the American Revolutionary War;
- (4) served in the Continental Congress; or
- (5) supported the cause of American Independence;

Whereas 16 Presidents have been proud members of the Sons of the American Revolution;

Whereas the charter of the Sons of the American Revolution describes the objects and purposes of the Society as “... patriotic, historical and educational”;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution is devoted to—

- (1) perpetuating the memory of the individuals who, by their services or sacrifices during the American Revolutionary War, achieved independence for the United States;
- (2) inspiring citizens to revere the principles that the forefathers incorporated into the Government of the United States; and
- (3) encouraging the development of historical research about the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution has a long record of accomplishments in providing educational resources related to—

- (1) the American Revolutionary War; and
- (2) individuals who helped the original 13 British colonies gain sovereignty during the War for Independence;

Whereas, largely through the efforts of the Sons of the American Revolution during the late 1800s and early 1900s, the National Archives was established to gather the

records of the individuals who served during the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution advances its mission by commemorating battles and events that led to the formation of the United States;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution devotes a great deal of time, energy, and resources to working with children so that they may gain a better understanding of the history of the United States;

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution is constructing a new facility adjacent to its national headquarters for the newly-established Center for Advancing America's Heritage; and

Whereas approximately 27,000 members of the Sons of the American Revolution are organized in chapters throughout 50 States, the District of Columbia, and in the numerous countries throughout the world that helped the original 13 British colonies win independence as the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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

3               (1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the his-  
4       toric congressional charter of the National Society of  
5       the Sons of the American Revolution; and

6               (2) honors and praises the National Society of  
7       the Sons of the American Revolution for—

8                       (A) the work of the Society to perpetuate  
9       and honor the memory of the brave individuals

1           who fought for freedom during the War for  
2           Independence; and  
3                   (B) the unfailing devotion of the Society to  
4           the youth of the United States.

