

H. Res. 361

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

June 25, 2007.

Whereas Jack Valenti was born in Houston, Texas, on September 5, 1921, and resided in Washington, DC and Beverly Hills, California;

Whereas Jack Valenti graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Harvard University with a Master of Business Administration degree;

Whereas Jack Valenti served as special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson;

Whereas Jack Valenti was the distinguished president of the Motion Picture Association of America for 38 years;

Whereas Jack Valenti was a trusted presidential advisor, a war hero, an author, and a pioneer in the American film industry;

Whereas Jack Valenti was a great humanitarian who served as a powerful spokesperson for the global fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria;

Whereas Jack Valenti was a loving husband to his wife, Mary Margaret, and an exceptional father to his three children, Alexandra, John, and Courtenay;

Whereas Jack Valenti's spirit touched everyone he encountered, whether in his political career or in his time spent with the Motion Picture Association of America;

Whereas Jack Valenti revolutionized the movie industry through the creation of a voluntary movie rating system that has endured to this day;

Whereas Jack Valenti's vision for the movie industry has withstood the test of time, and has provided guidance for families in their movie viewing experiences as well as safeguards for our filmmakers;

Whereas the vision and character Jack Valenti brought to the movie industry will be greatly missed; and

Whereas on April 26, 2007, Jack Valenti passed away, prompting his friend and confidant, Dan Glickman, to say, "Jack was a showman, a gentleman, an orator, and a passionate champion of this country, its movies, and the enduring freedoms that made both so important to this world. He also embodied the theatricality of our industry with his conviction, quick wit and boundless energy. In a very real sense, he was the ultimate leading man.": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes Jack Valenti as one of the greatest contributors to the motion picture industry;

(2) honors Jack Valenti for his service to his country, for his tremendous accomplishments, and for his contributions to the movie industry and to the Nation; and

(3) extends its deepest condolences to the family of Jack Valenti.

Attest:

Clerk.