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H. RES. 1214

Recognizing and commending Viola Liuzzo for her extraordinary courage
and for her contribution to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Viola Liuzzo for her extraordinary
courage and for her contribution to the United
States.

Whereas Viola Liuzzo, a White woman from desegregated
Michigan, courageously volunteered to assist the ongoing
civil rights movement in Alabama in 1965;

Whereas Viola Liuzzo knowingly risked her life in an effort
to ensure that every United States citizen be given the
right to vote;

Whereas Viola Liuzzo participated in the March 12, 1965,
civil rights protest at Wayne State University;

Whereas Viola Liuzzo traveled to Selma, Alabama, in March
of 1965 to take part in the upcoming march to the State
capital in Montgomery;

Whereas, shortly after the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on March 25, 1965, Viola Liuzzo was murdered by members of the Klu Klux Klan because of her efforts to ensure that every United States citizen be given the right to vote;

Whereas the Voting Rights Act of 1965 finally ensured that all people in the United States can exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote; and

Whereas Viola Liuzzo's civil rights work and her martyrdom hastened the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes and commends Viola Liuzzo for her extraordinary
3 courage and for her contribution to ensuring that the
4 United States is a Nation “with liberty and justice for
5 all”.

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