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H. RES. 1283

Honoring and thanking Dave Brubeck for his contributions to American music and cultural diplomacy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HODES submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring and thanking Dave Brubeck for his contributions to American music and cultural diplomacy.

Whereas Dave Brubeck was born in California on December 6, 1920;

Whereas prior to becoming known for his music, Dave Brubeck served in the United States Army in World War II;

Whereas in 1949, Dave Brubeck released the first Dave Brubeck Trio recordings, and by 1954 was on the cover of Time magazine;

Whereas, over a musical career spanning six decades, Dave Brubeck has recorded more than 100 jazz albums, including the American classic Take Five, and has written works including two ballets, a musical, an oratorio, four

cantatas, a mass, works for jazz combo and orchestra, and many solo piano pieces;

Whereas the music of Dave Brubeck can often be distinguished by his unconventional experimentation with time signatures;

Whereas Dave Brubeck has toured with artists including Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, and Stan Getz, and has played in every major American city as well as internationally;

Whereas in 1958, the Dave Brubeck Quartet made the first of many international tours, sponsored in part by the Department of State;

Whereas Dave Brubeck has become a strong voice for cultural diplomacy, playing in countries including Poland, India, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq;

Whereas in 1987, the Dave Brubeck Quartet toured the Soviet Union, and in 1988 accompanied President Ronald Reagan to Moscow to perform at the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit;

Whereas Dave Brubeck has performed at the White House on several occasions, and for many different Presidents;

Whereas Dave Brubeck was awarded a National Medal of the Arts by President Bill Clinton in 1994; received a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996; was declared a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2000; received a Living Legend award from the Library of Congress in 2003; was presented a Benjamin Franklin Award for Public Diplomacy by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in 2008, for offering an American “vision of hope, opportunity and freedom” through his

music; and was named a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2009 for excellence in the performing arts; and

Whereas Dave Brubeck is married to Iola Whitlock, with whom he has had six children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
2 and thanks Dave Brubeck for his contributions to Amer-
3 ican music and cultural diplomacy.

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