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Honoring the passing of the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke, a top ranking United States diplomat, magazine editor, author, professor, Peace Corps official, and investment banker.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2010

Mr. TURNER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Honoring the passing of the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke, a top ranking United States diplomat, magazine editor, author, professor, Peace Corps official, and investment banker.

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke succeeded in bringing resolution to many difficult assignments over a career that spanned continents and decades;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke began his diplomatic work as a young Foreign Service officer in Vietnam in 1962 and ended it serving as the President's Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan, serving 5 different presidential administrations in every corner of the globe;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke was the only person to have held the position of Assistant Secretary of State for 2 different regions of the world, Asia from 1977 to 1981 and Europe from 1994 to 1996;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke had one of the most distinguished diplomatic careers in the Nation's history and served as a strong advocate for United States national security interests in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke was a skilled United States diplomat who forged a historic deal to end Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke is best known as the chief architect of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords, the peace treaty that ended the Balkans War that threatened to destabilize Europe and resulted in the death of approximately 250,000 people, and the displacement of more than 2,000,000 men, women, and children;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke was awarded the Dayton Peace Prize in 2005 crediting his success in part to the support he received from the citizens of Dayton for helping move forward the negotiations at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke's passing on December 13, 2010, came almost 15 years to the day after the December 14, 1995, signing of the Dayton Peace Accords that bears his indelible imprint;

Whereas the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke will be remembered for his forceful personality, command

of the facts, brilliance, wit, and skill that amazed and at times intimidated both friends and opponents at the negotiating table; and

Whereas with the passing of the Honorable Richard Charles Albert Holbrooke, the United States has lost an outstanding diplomat and public servant: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors the passing of the Honorable Rich-
- 3 ard Charles Albert Holbrooke, a distinguished dip-
- 4 lomat and public servant; and
- 5 (2) respectfully requests that the Clerk of the
- 6 House transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to
- 7 the family of the Honorable Richard Charles Albert
- 8 Holbrooke.

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