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H. RES. 481

Honoring the life and public service of Reverend Robert Cornell, distinguished former Congressman, academic, and clergyman from the State of Wisconsin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2009

Mr. KAGEN (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PETRI, Mr. OBEY, Mr. KIND, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and public service of Reverend Robert Cornell, distinguished former Congressman, academic, and clergyman from the State of Wisconsin.

Whereas Robert Cornell was born on December 16, 1919, in Gladstone, Michigan;

Whereas Robert Cornell attended parochial schools in Green Bay, Wisconsin, received his Bachelor of Arts at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, in 1941, and obtained his Master of Arts Ph.D. from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in 1957;

Whereas after joining the Norbertine Order in 1938, Robert Cornell was ordained a priest on June 17, 1944;

Whereas Robert Cornell taught social sciences in parochial schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 1941 to 1947, and was a professor of history and political science at St. Norbert College from 1947 to 1974;

Whereas Robert Cornell served as chairman of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Party of Wisconsin from 1969 to 1974, and was a member of State Administrative Committee of Democratic Party of Wisconsin from 1969 to 1974;

Whereas Robert Cornell was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1974 by the people of the eighth congressional district in Wisconsin;

Whereas Robert Cornell was one of only two Catholic priests ever to serve in the United States House of Representatives;

Whereas Robert Cornell, during his two terms in Congress, was widely respected by his colleagues a voice of civility and honesty;

Whereas after serving two terms in the 94th and 95th Congresses, Robert Cornell returned to Green Bay to continue teaching; and

Whereas, on May 10, 2009, at the age of 89, Reverend Robert Cornell passed away in De Pere, Wisconsin: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors the life, achievements, and distinguished career of Rev. Robert Cornell; and

1 (2) recognizes Robert Cornell for his contribu-
2 tions to St. Norbert College, the United States Con-
3 gress, and all communities in Northeast Wisconsin.

