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H. RES. 585

Celebrating the centennial of the birth of First Lady Patricia Nixon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANCE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the centennial of the birth of First Lady Patricia
Nixon.

Whereas Thelma Catherine “Pat” Ryan Nixon was born on
March 16, 1912, in Ely, Nevada, and was raised on a
small truck farm in southern California;

Whereas a young person of tremendous courage and deter-
mination, Mrs. Nixon worked her way through the Uni-
versity of Southern California from which she was grad-
uated cum laude in 1937;

Whereas throughout the more than 25 years of public life,
people in the United States identified with Mrs. Nixon’s
rise from poverty to success as an embodiment of the
American Dream;

Whereas Patricia Ryan and Richard Nixon were married in
1940 and Mrs. Nixon campaigned with her husband as

he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1946 and 1948, to the United States Senate in 1950 and as Vice President in 1952 and 1956;

Whereas Mrs. Nixon traveled extensively throughout the world, including to Asia, South America, and the Soviet Union, earning the title “Madame Ambassador”, the first such President’s spouse to be designated so;

Whereas with the inauguration of Richard Nixon as the 37th President of the United States in 1969, First Lady Patricia Nixon became our Ambassador of Good Will, visiting South Vietnam, Africa, China, and earthquake ravished Peru;

Whereas First Lady Patricia Nixon encouraged volunteer service “in the spirit of people helping people”, added 600 paintings and antiques to the White House collections, illuminated the White House at night, and opened the White House gardens to the public; and

Whereas Mrs. Nixon was a devoted daughter, spouse, mother to daughters Tricia Nixon Cox and Julie Nixon Eisenhower, grandparent, and friend: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes First Lady Patricia Nixon’s in-
3 fluent role on the national and international
4 stages;

5 (2) remembers First Lady Patricia Nixon for
6 her devotion to family, her grace, and her persever-
7 ance; and

8 (3) honors First Lady Patricia Nixon’s memory
9 on the centennial of her birth with the same spirit

1 noted on her grave marker, “Even when people can’t
2 speak your language, they can tell if you have love
3 in your heart.”.

