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Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Donald M. Payne.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2012

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Donald M.
Payne.

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 16, 1934, graduated from Barringer High School in Newark and Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, and pursued graduate studies at Springfield College in Massachusetts;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne was an educator in the Newark and Passaic, New Jersey public schools and was an executive at Prudential Financial and at Urban Data Systems Inc;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne became the first African American national president of the YMCA in 1970 and served as Chairman of the World Refugee and

Rehabilitation Committee of the YMCA from 1973 to 1981;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne served 3 terms on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and 3 terms on the Newark Municipal Council;

Whereas, in 1988, the Honorable Donald M. Payne became the first African American elected to the United States House of Representatives from the State of New Jersey;

Whereas the people of New Jersey overwhelmingly reelected the Honorable Donald M. Payne 11 times, most recently in 2010, when the Honorable Donald M. Payne was elected to represent the Tenth Congressional District of New Jersey for a 12th term;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne was a tireless advocate for his constituents, bringing significant economic development to Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties in New Jersey;

Whereas, as a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Donald M. Payne was a leading advocate for public schools, college affordability, and workplace protections;

Whereas, as a senior member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, and a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, the Honorable Donald M. Payne led efforts to restore democracy and human rights around the world, including in Northern Ireland and Sudan;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne was a leader in the field of global health, co-founding the Malaria Caucus, and helping to secure passage of a bill authorizing \$50,000,000 for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne served as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and previously as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus;

Whereas, in March 2012, the United States Agency for International Development launched the Donald M. Payne Fellowship Program to attract outstanding young people to careers in international development;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne served on the boards of directors of the National Endowment for Democracy, TransAfrica, the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, the Congressional Award Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, the Newark Day Center, and the Newark YMCA;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including honorary doctorates from multiple universities;

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne passed away on March 6, 2012, and is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and

Whereas the Honorable Donald M. Payne's long history of service will have an enduring impact on people in New Jersey, across the United States, and around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) expresses profound sorrow at the death of
2 the Honorable Donald M. Payne, United States Rep-
3 resentative for the Tenth Congressional District of
4 New Jersey;

5 (2) conveys the condolences of the Senate to the
6 family of the Honorable Donald M. Payne; and

7 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
8 the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the
9 House of Representatives and the family of the Hon-
10 orable Donald M. Payne.

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