

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.,
president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. VIS-CLOSKY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, and Mr. MCGOVERN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Theodore M.
Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University
of Notre Dame.

Whereas Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., was born
on May 25, 1917, in Syracuse, New York, ordained a
priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross on June 24,
1943, in South Bend, Indiana, and served as president
of the University of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987;

Whereas during his tenure, the University of Notre Dame
welcomed female students for the first time and em-

braced the spirit of open intellectual inquiry and moral engagement that defines the University today;

Whereas Father Hesburgh held a variety of appointed positions under 4 popes and 9 Presidential administrations;

Whereas throughout decades of public service, Father Hesburgh proudly championed the civil rights of African-Americans, the duty of society to the poor, and the fundamental human dignity of all persons;

Whereas in pursuit of those ideals, Father Hesburgh held a variety of influential public roles, including terms as a founding member and chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, chair of the Overseas Development Council, chair of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, and permanent representative of the Holy See to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1956 to 1970;

Whereas in pursuit of global social justice, Father Hesburgh reaffirmed the commitment of the University of Notre Dame to human rights by helping to found the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University as well as the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame Law School;

Whereas Father Hesburgh was a longtime advocate for the responsible stewardship of atomic energy and gracefully brought together scientists, scholars, and spiritual leaders to work toward an end to nuclear conflict;

Whereas Father Hesburgh served as ambassador to the 1979 United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, the first Catholic priest to formally hold a diplomatic position for the United States Government;

Whereas Father Hesburgh received both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian awards of the United States, as well as more than 150 honorary degrees, the most ever awarded to a single individual; and

Whereas Father Hesburgh passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2015, but remains very much alive in the hearts of all who knew him and in the University that he loved: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) commemorates the life and achievements of
4 Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who
5 throughout his life displayed extraordinary commit-
6 ment to social justice and the improvement of higher
7 education; and

8 (2) honors Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh,
9 C.S.C., for a lifetime of selfless dedication to God,
10 Country, and Notre Dame.

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