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H. RES. 1165

Honoring the life and accomplishments of the actor Jimmy Stewart and the contributions he made to the Nation on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2008

Mr. POE (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. HALL of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and accomplishments of the actor Jimmy Stewart and the contributions he made to the Nation on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Whereas James Maitland “Jimmy” Stewart was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, on May 20, 1908;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart made more than 80 films, including comedies, westerns, and dramas;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart won an Academy Award for best performance by an actor in 1940 for his performance in “The Philadelphia Story” and received four other Oscar nominations for his performances in “Mr. Smith Goes to

Washington”, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, “Harvey”, and “Anatomy of a Murder”;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart received a Screen Actors Guild Award in 1968 for “fostering the finest ideals of the acting profession”, the American Film Institute’s eighth Life Achievement Award in 1980, a Kennedy Center Honor in 1983, a special Academy Award in 1984 for “50 years of meaningful performances” and “for his high ideals, both on and off the screen”, and the annual tribute by the Film Society of Lincoln Center in 1990;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart was voted the third Greatest Movie Star of all time by Entertainment Weekly, the ninth Greatest Movie Star of all time by Premiere Magazine, and is third on The 50 Greatest Screen Legends Actor list by the American Film Institute;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart appeared in a number of television shows and Broadway plays and received a Tony Award;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart’s poetry was compiled into his 1989 book entitled “Jimmy Stewart and his Poems”;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart enlisted in the military and served during World War II as the operations officer, chief of staff, and squadron commander of the Second Combat Wing of the United States 8th Air Force in England;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart’s military decorations include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Air Medal, multiple oak leaf clusters, six battle stars, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart held the highest active military rank of any actor in history, rising to the rank of colonel in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and the rank

of brigadier general in 1959, making him the highest ranking entertainer in the American military;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Award, Princeton University's highest alumni honor, for outstanding public service;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart worked from 1987 to 1993 on projects that enhanced the public appreciation and understanding of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart was presented the Humanitarian Award by the American Red Cross for service to his fellow man;

Whereas Jimmy Stewart testified before Congress in 1988, in favor of a bill that was later enacted to require film exhibitors and distributors to disclose to the public whether certain culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant films had been colorized or otherwise altered from the original; and

Whereas in 1985, President Ronald Reagan awarded Jimmy Stewart the Nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-
 2 resentatives honors the life and accomplishments of the
 3 late James Maitland "Jimmy" Stewart and honors the ar-
 4 tistic, military, and political contributions he made to the
 5 Nation on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

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