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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 24, 1994, as "Opportunities  
2 Industrialization Center Day."

3 WHEREAS, In 1964, the Reverend Leon H. Sullivan and 400  
4 African-American clergy founded the Opportunities  
5 Industrialization Center (OIC); and

6 WHEREAS, In response to the high unemployment of blacks,  
7 particularly youths, during the 1960's, the Reverend Sullivan  
8 and the founding clergy opened a training facility in an old  
9 community jailhouse donated by the City of Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, From this modest beginning, OIC evolved into a  
11 national and then international education, training and social  
12 service delivery model of demonstrated effectiveness; and

13 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia OIC has provided the impetus and  
14 processes for creative model development, examples of which  
15 include the Quantum Opportunities Program, Opportunities Inn:  
16 The Hospitality Training Institute, The Urban Service Corps and  
17 The OIC Village: Transitional Housing; and

1       WHEREAS, In 1993 the Philadelphia OIC served over 1,600  
2 people; and

3       WHEREAS, The OIC philosophy of "Helping People Help  
4 Themselves" has guided every service delivery effort; and

5       WHEREAS, The Philadelphia OIC is celebrating its 30th  
6 anniversary on January 24; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate January  
8 24, 1994, as "Opportunities Industrialization Center Day" and  
9 congratulate the OIC on its 30th anniversary.