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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 4, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Latrobe, Pennsylvania, resident Arnold Palmer on his
 2 80th birthday and congratulating him on the many
 3 accomplishments of his life.

4 WHEREAS, Arnold Palmer was born on September 10, 1929, in
 5 Latrobe, a city that he still calls home; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer began swinging his first set of golf
 7 clubs when he was four years old and soon was playing well
 8 enough to beat the older caddies at the Latrobe Country Club;
 9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer won his first of five West Penn Amateur
 11 Championships at 17 years of age, competed successfully in

1 national junior events and went to Wake Forest College, where he
2 became the number one man on the golf team and one of the
3 leading collegiate players of that time; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer represents many things to many people,
5 including a world famous golf immortal and sportsman, a highly
6 successful business executive, a prominent advertising
7 spokesman, a skilled aviator, a talented golf course designer
8 and consultant and a devoted husband, father and grandfather;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer amassed 92 championships in professional
11 competition of national or international stature by the end of
12 1993, and 61 of his victories came on the United States PGA
13 Tour, starting with the 1955 Canadian Open; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer won the Masters Tournament in 1958, 1960,
15 1962 and 1964, the United States Open in 1960 at Cherry Hills
16 Country Club in Denver, Colorado, and the British Open in 1961
17 and 1962; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer is president of Arnold Palmer
19 Enterprises, a multidivision structure encompassing much of his
20 global commercial activity; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer has been involved in automobile and
22 aviation service firms in Charlotte, North Carolina, and
23 elsewhere around this nation for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, Since the mid-1960s, Mr. Palmer has put his stamp on
25 some 200 new golf courses throughout the nation and world; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer has received virtually every national
27 award in golf, and after his great 1960 season he earned both
28 the Hickok Athlete of the Year and *Sports Illustrated's*
29 Sportsman of the Year trophies; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer is a charter member of the World Golf

1 Hall of Fame and a member of the American Golf Hall of Fame at
2 Foxburg and the PGA Hall of Fame in Florida, and he is chairman
3 of the USGA Members Program and served as Honorary National
4 Chairman of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for 20
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer played a major role in the fundraising
7 drive that led to the creation of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for
8 Children and Women in Orlando, Florida, in the 1980s and as a
9 longtime member of the Board of Directors of Latrobe Area
10 Hospital, he established a major annual fundraising golf event
11 for that institution in 1992; and

12 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama personally awarded Arnold
13 Palmer the Congressional Gold Medal at a White House ceremony on
14 September 29, 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer was just the second professional golfer
16 to receive the medal, which is awarded by an act of Congress.
17 The medals are Congress' highest expression of national
18 appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Arnold
21 Palmer on the occasion of his 80th birthday and congratulate him
22 on the many accomplishments of his life.