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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 8, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of former White House Press
2 Secretary James Scott Brady, Sr., and extending condolences
3 to his family and friends.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. James Scott Brady, Sr., was born in Centralia,
5 Illinois on August 29, 1940; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Brady graduated from the University of
7 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, earning a bachelor of science
8 degree in political science; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady began his career in public service as a
10 staff member in the office of Illinois Senator Everett Dirksen;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In 1973, Mr. Brady relocated to Washington, DC; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady went on to serve as Special Assistant to
14 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Special
15 Assistant to the Director of the Office of Management and

1 Budget, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, a member of the
2 staff of Senator William Roth, Press Secretary to then-
3 presidential candidate John Connally, Director of Public Affairs
4 and Research for the Reagan-Bush Committee and Spokesperson for
5 the Office of the President-Elect; and

6 WHEREAS, In January 1981, Mr. Brady achieved a lifelong
7 career goal when President Ronald Reagan appointed him Assistant
8 to the President and White House Press Secretary; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady's service to the presidency was cut short
10 on March 30, 1981, when a mentally unstable young man, John
11 Hinckley, attempted to assassinate President Reagan, shooting
12 the President, Mr. Brady and two law enforcement officers; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady suffered a serious head wound that left
14 him partially paralyzed for life; and

15 WHEREAS, Although he never worked as White House Press
16 Secretary after the shooting, Mr. Brady kept the title for the
17 remainder of President Reagan's presidency; and

18 WHEREAS, After leaving the White House, Mr. Brady spent
19 countless hours lobbying with his wife, Sarah, Chair of the
20 Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, in support of
21 commonsense gun laws; and

22 WHEREAS, On November 30, 1993, after a six-year battle,
23 President Bill Clinton signed the Brady Handgun Violence
24 Protection Act into law; and

25 WHEREAS, The law required that every sale of a gun by a
26 licensed dealer be referred to law enforcement for a background
27 check; and

28 WHEREAS, In 1996, Mr. Brady received the Presidential Medal
29 of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States,
30 from President Clinton; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2000, President Clinton officially
2 named the White House Press Briefing Room "The James S. Brady
3 Press Briefing Room" in Mr. Brady's honor; and

4 WHEREAS, In December 2000, the boards of trustees for Handgun
5 Control and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence voted to
6 honor Mr. Brady and his wife's hard work and commitment to gun
7 control by renaming the two organizations The Brady Campaign to
8 Prevent Gun Violence and The Brady Center to Prevent Gun
9 Violence; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady served as an honorary member of the board
11 of trustees of both The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
12 and The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady was the recipient of the Distinguished
14 Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America and was a
15 member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Brady departed this life on August 4, 2014, at
17 73 years of age, following a series of health complications;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
20 and legacy of former White House Press Secretary James Scott
21 Brady, Sr., and extend condolences to his family and friends;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the family of Mr. James Scott Brady, Sr.