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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for
2 Tots Program and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation on their
3 continued efforts to provide a message of hope to less
4 fortunate children and commending all those who volunteer
5 their time to contribute to this goal.

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1947 by Major Bill Hendricks, United
7 States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR), and adopted by the United
8 States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1948, the Toys for Tots Program
9 has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a 4-star
10 rating by Charity Navigator, and inclusion in Forbes' "Gold
11 Star" list of charities and various other accolades; and

12 WHEREAS, The USMCR Toys for Tots Program is directed by the
13 USMCR Commander from the USMCR Headquarters in New Orleans,
14 Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, The mission of the USMCR Toys for Tots Program is to
2 collect new, unwrapped toys during the months of October,
3 November and December each year and to distribute those toys as
4 Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in
5 which the campaign is conducted; and

6 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an Internal
7 Revenue Service recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity, is
8 the authorized fundraising and support organization for the
9 USMCR Toys for Tots Program; and

10 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, located just
11 outside the main gate of the Marine Corps Base in Quantico,
12 Virginia, provides the funding and support needed for successful
13 annual toy collection and distribution campaigns; and

14 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at
15 the behest of the USMC and provides support in accordance with a
16 Memorandum of Understanding with the USMCR Commander; and

17 WHEREAS, The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supported
18 the USMCR Toys for Tots Program since 1991; and

19 WHEREAS, Local campaigns are conducted annually in over 700
20 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and
21 Puerto Rico; and

22 WHEREAS, Over its life span, the USMCR Toys for Tots Program
23 has distributed over 494 million toys to over 230 million less
24 fortunate children; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
26 USMCR Toys for Tots Program and the Marine Toys for Tots
27 Foundation on their continued efforts to provide a message of
28 hope to less fortunate children that will assist them in
29 becoming responsible, productive and patriotic citizens and
30 commend all those who volunteer their time to contribute to this

1 goal.