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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 2, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 110th anniversary of Milton Hershey School and
2 the life-changing opportunities it provides to children from
3 low-income families.

4 WHEREAS, Milton Hershey School began as a dream and vision
5 shared by Hershey Chocolate Company founder Milton S. Hershey
6 and his wife, Catherine; and

7 WHEREAS, Unable to have children of their own, the Hersheys
8 used their wealth to create a home and school for orphaned boys;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, On November 15, 1909, the Hersheys signed the deed
11 of trust establishing the Hershey Industrial School, later
12 renamed Milton Hershey School in 1951; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hershey shared that he wanted to give children
14 "real homes, real comforts, education, and training" so that
15 they could lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

16 WHEREAS, The first 10 students arrived at the school in 1910

1 where they were met with a stable home life and a rigorous
2 combination of agricultural, vocational and academic learning;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Even from the beginning, the school's model was
5 centered on a whole-child approach, including providing the
6 students with an excellent education, career and technical
7 training and health and wellness resources that would help the
8 students overcome the specific challenges that children face due
9 to poverty; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1918, following his wife's death, Mr. Hershey
11 donated nearly his entire personal fortune to establish the
12 Milton Hershey School Trust to ensure that the school would
13 serve children in financial and social need in perpetuity; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hershey's generosity was inspired by his life
15 experiences, including his childhood as a poor boy, his business
16 failures on his journey to success and his inability to have
17 children with his wife; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hershey remained closely involved with the
19 school and its students until his death at 88 years of age on
20 October 13, 1945; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Hershey's emphasis on career and technical
22 training inspired Milton Hershey School's award-winning career
23 and technical education program, which prepares students for
24 21st century careers; and

25 WHEREAS, Over time, Milton Hershey School has evolved its
26 curriculum and grown to serve more students with the Hersheys'
27 vision as its compass; and

28 WHEREAS, Their legacy lives on in the nearly 11,000 alumni
29 who experienced life-changing opportunities thanks to the
30 Hersheys' generosity; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, Milton Hershey School thrives as a cost-free,
2 private, coeducational home and school for more than 2,100
3 prekindergarten through 12th grade boys and girls from low-
4 income families across the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Milton Hershey School offers a positive and
6 structured home life year-round and educational opportunities
7 focused on building character and providing children with the
8 skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 15, 2019, Milton Hershey School marked
10 its 110th anniversary as a home and school helping children
11 break out of the cycle of poverty; and

12 WHEREAS, For 110 years, Milton Hershey School has been a
13 place where the potential of students is met with life-changing
14 opportunity; and

15 WHEREAS, Milton Hershey School is one of the world's best
16 private, residential schools and a leader in the field of
17 education; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 110th anniversary of Milton Hershey School and the life-changing
20 opportunities it provides to children from low-income families.