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H. RES. 1028

Honoring the life and achievements of Oral Roberts and recognizing his contributions as a minister to the Christian community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BOREN, Mr. LUCAS, Ms. FALLIN, and Mr. COLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievements of Oral Roberts and recognizing his contributions as a minister to the Christian community.

Whereas Oral Roberts, a son, brother, husband, father and grandfather, author, educator and Christian leader, and cherished voice, passed away on December 15, 2009, at the age of 91;

Whereas Granville Oral Roberts was born on January 24, 1918, near Ada, Oklahoma;

Whereas Oral Roberts began his Christian ministry after being healed from tuberculosis at age 17, preaching in tents at Christian revivals around the country and on 6 continents;

Whereas Oral Roberts enrolled at Oklahoma Baptist and Phillips University, he eventually left his pastorate at a Pentecostal Holiness church in 1947 to pursue an evangelical ministry;

Whereas in 1947, Oral Roberts founded the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and began his mission to bring the message of God's healing power to his generation;

Whereas Oral Roberts began to travel frequently to utilize the power of his ministry and speak his religious message that "God is a good God" around the world, attracting large crowds, including the sick and chronically ill, and converting thousands to the teachings of Jesus;

Whereas according to the Oral Roberts Evangelical Association, Oral Roberts during his ministry, "laid hands" on more than 2,000,000 people and reached thousands more through global campaigns;

Whereas in 1954, Oral Roberts, a pioneer in television evangelism, realized a new conduit to communicate his message and conducted what he liked to call "front row miracles" on his television show "Oral Roberts Presents";

Whereas Oral Roberts' prime time televisions specials drew more than 40,000,000 viewers, and combined with radio coverage reached 500,000,000 people;

Whereas Oral Roberts founded a 24-hour prayer line called the Abundant Life Prayer group to hear prayer requests for people in need, receiving more than 23,000,000 requests in his lifetime;

Whereas in 1963, Oral Roberts founded Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to build a university on the authority of the Holy Spirit to educate the whole man in

spirit, body, and mind and remained President until 1993;

Whereas Oral Roberts University, the largest Charismatic Christian university in the world, is a 4-year higher education institution that enrolls 3,790 undergraduate and graduate students;

Whereas Oral Roberts University has approximately 23,000 graduates worldwide and a total alumni population of nearly 37,000;

Whereas in 1968, Oral Roberts joined the United Methodist Church and became a leader in the Charismatic renewal among mainline Protestants and Catholic churches;

Whereas throughout his ministry, Oral Roberts touched and changed millions of lives through his ministering and became one of the most successful evangelical ministers in the United States;

Whereas Oral Roberts is survived by his daughter and son and 12 grand and great-grand children; and

Whereas Oral Roberts, seen on television all over the world, will remain a symbol of compassion and unrelenting devotion to his followers and as an advocate of religious faith for millions of Christians: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the life and achievements of Oral
3 Roberts; and

4 (2) recognizes his contributions to the world-
5 wide Christian community.

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