

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 71

Honoring the life of Dr. D. James Kennedy.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2011

Mr. STEARNS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Dr. D. James Kennedy.

Whereas D. James Kennedy was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1930;

Whereas D. James Kennedy earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tampa, a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology from Chicago Graduate School of Theology, and a Ph.D. from New York University;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy took over a congregation of 45 people meeting in a school cafeteria in 1959 and built it into the 10,000 member Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy served Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church as senior pastor for 48 years;

Whereas Decision magazine named Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church one of the “Five Great Churches of North America”;

Whereas in 1962, Dr. Kennedy founded Evangelism Explosion International, the first Christian organization in history to establish its ministry in all 211 nations in the world;

Whereas through the efforts of Evangelism Explosion, nearly 5,000,000 people professed faith in Christ in 2006 alone;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy established the Evangelism Explosion Prison Ministry, training members of the church to visit and minister to those who are incarcerated and offering positive alternatives to involvement with crime;

Whereas in 2003, Dr. Kennedy also established Seniors Evangelism Explosion, a “Ministry to those often Forgotten,” training church members to visit the elderly in nursing homes, extended care facilities, convalescent centers and also visiting shut-ins;

Whereas in 1989, Dr. Kennedy established Knox Theological Seminary to prepare and equip Christians for ministry;

Whereas in 1995, Dr. Kennedy launched the Center for Christian Statesmanship, a Capitol Hill outreach group that offered Bible studies to Members of Congress and their staff;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy also founded the Center for Reclaiming America, to engage people in the political process;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy hosted, “The Coral Ridge Hour,” one of the Nation’s most widely syndicated religious programs reaching as many as 3,500,000 people each week;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy’s broadcasts of “The Coral Ridge Hour” aired on more than 400 stations and 4 cable networks, including Trinity Broadcasting Network and the NRB Network, as well as broadcast to more than 150 countries on the Armed Forces Network;

Whereas in 2005, Dr. Kennedy was inducted into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame;

Whereas Dr. Kennedy wrote more than 65 books over his lifetime, the first being “Evangelism Explosion,” which has sold over 1,500,000 copies; and

Whereas Dr. Kennedy lived modestly and was never tainted by any moral or financial scandal: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, on the  
2 occasion of the death of Dr. D. James Kennedy—

3               (1) mourns Dr. Kennedy’s passing and ex-  
4 presses its deepest condolences to his family, includ-  
5 ing Mrs. Anne Kennedy, his loving wife of 51 years,  
6 and his daughter Mrs. Jennifer Kennedy Cassidy;  
7 and

8               (2) honors Dr. Kennedy’s lifetime of service  
9 and sacrifice to his God, his country, the ideals of  
10 the Christian faith, and his work that provided hope  
11 to millions, and inspired them to build community  
12 through service to those around them.

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