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# H. CON. RES. 66

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. RANGEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Shirley Chisholm should be recognized for her activism and groundbreaking achievements in politics during the civil rights era, and for her efforts to reform the Nation's political system and legislatures so that they better represent the needs of a greater number of Americans.

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 30, 1924, attended Brooklyn College, and earned a Master's degree from Columbia University;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm worked in education and welfare before being elected to the New York State Assembly in 1964;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm established the Unity Democratic Club in 1960, which played a significant role in rallying black and Hispanic voters in New York City;

Whereas, in 1969, Shirley Chisholm became the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress, where she represented Brooklyn's 12th Congressional District in the House of Representatives;

Whereas, during her first term serving in the House of Representatives, Shirley Chisholm employed a staff composed entirely of women and was vocal in her support of civil rights, women's rights, and the poor, while fervently opposing the Vietnam War;

Whereas, in 1972, Shirley Chisholm was the first African-American to seek the Democratic Presidential nomination;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was a co-founder of the National Organization for Women; and

Whereas Shirley Chisholm served in the House of Representatives until 1982, and continues to be a lecturer and a political mentor: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that Shirley*
- 3 *Chisholm should be recognized for her leadership in poli-*
- 4 *tics, her dedication to improving the opportunities avail-*
- 5 *able for women and the needy of the United States, and*
- 6 *for her continued role as a mentor and teacher to the Na-*
- 7 *tion's youth.*

