

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# **H. CON. RES. 68**

Expressing the sense of Congress that Dorothy I. Height should be recognized for her achievements as a civil rights leader, dedicated activist working to fight racial and social prejudice, and for her lifetime commitment to improving the opportunities available to the most vulnerable in society.

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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 Dorothy I. Height should be recognized for her achievements as a civil rights leader, dedicated activist working to fight racial and social prejudice, and for her lifetime commitment to improving the opportunities available to the most vulnerable in society.

Whereas Dorothy I. Height was born on March 24, 1912, and later earned both her bachelors and masters degrees from the New York University in 4 years;

Whereas Dorothy I. Height has worked tirelessly to implement the goals and objectives of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), an organization that focuses on the principles of self-reliance in its work on women's

rights, child care, housing issues, and career and educational programs;

Whereas Dorothy I. Height became a celebrated leader in the civil rights and women's movements and placed the NCNW in the spotlight in the 1960s with "Wednesdays in Mississippi" events, where interracial groups of women would assist at Freedom Schools, and with voter registration and education drives;

Whereas Dorothy I. Height received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in August 1994 from President Bill Clinton for her lifelong leadership and dedication to civil and human rights issues;

Whereas Dorothy I. Height has been a promoter of positive black family life through the NCNW and, in 1986, created the Black Family Reunion Celebration to reinforce the historic strengths and traditional values of the African-American family, which celebration has grown into a major national event with over 14 million participants during more than 11 years; and

Whereas Dorothy I. Height has been the president of the National Council of Negro Women since 1957, where she continues to struggle for equality and human rights for all people: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that Dorothy*
- 3 *I. Height should be recognized for her lifelong work to*
- 4 *secure equality and human rights for people around the*
- 5 *world and for her leadership in creating opportunities for*
- 6 *the Nation's youth, ensuring that no one is left behind.*

