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Expressing the sense of the House with respect to the life and work of
Tony Randall.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House with respect to the life
and work of Tony Randall.

Whereas Tony Randall was born Leonard Rosenberg in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on February 26, 1920, the son of Mogscha Rosenberg, a dealer in artworks and antiques, and the former Julia Finston, and attended Tulsa's Central High School;

Whereas by the late 1950s, Mr. Randall was a much sought-after actor, appearing in a number of television shows, briefly substituting for Steve Allen on the Tonight Show and for Arthur Godfrey, and performed in a great many television plays;

Whereas he was nominated often for Golden Globe awards and performed in the Rock Hudson-Doris Day films "Pillow Talk" (1959), "Lover Come Back" (1961) and

“Send Me No Flowers” (1964) as well as the Jayne Mansfield comedy “Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?” (1957);

Whereas he was probably best known for his television roles including his TV work in the 1950s by his supporting role in the sitcom “Mr. Peepers”, and various other projects until he landed the part on “The Odd Couple”;

Whereas the Emmy-winning actor made the role of fussy neatnik Felix Unger his own in TV’s “The Odd Couple”, and in the sitcom, Randall played the fussy, comically compulsive Felix Unger, apartment-mate of sloppy Oscar Madison portrayed by Jack Klugman, winning an Emmy for the show in 1975;

Whereas Tony Randall’s work brought laughter to America, including “The Odd Couple”, “The Carol Burnett Show”, “The Dean Martin Show”, and numerous “What’s My Line?” episodes;

Whereas throughout all of his television work, he maintained his connection to the theater, spending much of his final years involved with his own theatre company, the National Actors Theater, which he started in 1992; and

Whereas he is survived by his wife, actress Heather Harlan, and their two children: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) commends Tony Randall for his life and ac-
- 3 complishments; and
- 4 (2) recognizes his talent, hard work, and dedi-
- 5 cation to his craft.

