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Congratulating Disneyland and the Walt Disney Company on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Disneyland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GALLEGLY, Ms. WATSON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. FARR, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FORD, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. WEINER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. KELLER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating Disneyland and the Walt Disney Company on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Disneyland.

Whereas Disneyland first opened its doors on July 17, 1955, in Anaheim, California;

Whereas when Walt Disney formally dedicated Disneyland on July 17, 1955, he stated that he hoped the park would be “. . . a source of joy and inspiration to all the world”;

Whereas Disneyland has grown from a single theme park with one hotel into a full-scale resort with 2 world-class theme parks, 2,200 hotel rooms and 40 restaurant and retail locations;

Whereas Disneyland is California's number one tourist destination;

Whereas Disneyland is the leading employer in Orange County, directly employing 20,000 individuals and supporting an additional 45,700 jobs;

Whereas Disneyland generates an economic impact of \$3.6 billion annually to the Southern California economy;

Whereas Disneyland generates \$722 million per year, which supports 6,000 employment opportunities and \$226 million in revenue to other local businesses;

Whereas Disneyland and its cast members provide millions of dollars of charitable giving every year in the form of cash, in-kind services, and volunteer services to hundreds of nonprofit groups, touching the lives of thousands of area residents;

Whereas the success of Disneyland launched an industry and sparked an empire of fun that now spans the globe and attracts 200 million visitors and growing on 3 continents every year; and

Whereas the creation of Disneyland was perhaps the single greatest family entertainment achievement of the 20th century, introducing an entirely new concept in outdoor entertainment and establishing an icon of fun and magic known around the world: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress congratulates Disneyland and*

- 1 the Walt Disney Company on the 50th Anniversary of the
- 2 opening of Disneyland, “the Happiest Place on Earth”.

