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Expressing the sense of Congress that Clifton “Chuck” Sutton should be recognized for his contributions as a community leader, activist, business executive, and a role model to young African-Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Clifton “Chuck” Sutton should be recognized for his contributions as a community leader, activist, business executive, and a role model to young African-Americans.

Whereas Chuck Sutton, a long-time New Yorker, honed his leadership skills at a young age in San Antonio, Texas, receiving an NAACP Award for civil rights activism at the age of 12;

Whereas Chuck Sutton continued this level of service while a student at the University of Texas at El Paso as organizer of the Black Student Union and a leader in the Olympics Boycott Movement in 1968;

Whereas Chuck Sutton contributed to the revitalization of the legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem and was co-executive

producer, producer, and writer of the successful nationally acclaimed television show, “It’s Showtime at the Apollo”;

Whereas Chuck Sutton was an award winning journalist with the New Jersey-based newspaper, Hudson Dispatch, and received the 1980 National Newspaper Association Journalism Award for investigative reporting of tenement fires in Jersey City, New Jersey;

Whereas Chuck Sutton was a dedicated public servant, twice elected as District Leader for West Harlem where he was founder of the West Harlem Environmental Action Council;

Whereas Chuck Sutton, a lifetime member of the NAACP, in 1989 was named to a five-member panel to investigate the role of Blacks in Hollywood;

Whereas later, he testified before a congressional subcommittee investigating the problems of Blacks in television;

Whereas Chuck Sutton, from his sick bed, co-produced his last radio-thon on November 2, 2008, a “get out the vote” effort that helped elect President Barack Obama;

Whereas Chuck Sutton applied his talents and focused his activism to influence New York and national politics, environmental issues, as well as radio, television, and journalism content for the betterment of our communities;

Whereas Chuck Sutton was a tremendous asset to the community; and

Whereas Chuck Sutton leaves behind his devoted wife, Patricia Sutton, and four children Yusef, Amina, Chuckie, and Wesley Sutton: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that Clifton
3 “Chuck” Sutton should be recognized as one of our Na-
4 tion’s dedicated social activists and community leaders.

