

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 843

Supporting the goals and ideals of Toastmasters International and celebrating its 85th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Toastmasters International and celebrating its 85th anniversary.

Whereas Toastmasters International, a nonprofit organization, has helped its members improve their public speaking and leadership skills since 1924;

Whereas the ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill that can help individuals overcome barriers in virtually every endeavor and line of work;

Whereas by assisting its members in the development of essential public speaking skills, Toastmasters International performs a valuable service;

Whereas over the course of the past 85 years, from its founding in 1924 when it began as a small gathering in a

YMCA basement through the present when its ranks have grown to approximately 252,000 members, the story of Toastmasters International has been one of dramatic growth and success;

Whereas members of Toastmasters International have formed over 11,500 clubs that meet in 106 countries worldwide; and

Whereas this remarkable expansion in clubs is a direct result of the enhanced knowledge and years of experience that Toastmasters International offers to its members: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Toast-
- 3 masters International and celebrates its 85th anni-
- 4 versary; and
- 5 (2) encourages individuals throughout the
- 6 United States to improve their public speaking and
- 7 leadership skills.

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