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# H. RES. 361

Recognizing and honoring Jack Valenti and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON (for herself, Mr. ISSA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. COBLE, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Jack Valenti and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death.

Whereas Jack Valenti was born in Houston, Texas on September 5, 1921, and resided in Washington, DC and Beverly Hills, California;

Whereas Jack Valenti graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts and a M.B.A from Harvard University;

Whereas Jack Valenti served as special assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson;

Whereas Jack Valenti was the distinguished president of the Motion Picture Association of America for 38 years;

Whereas Jack Valenti was a trusted presidential advisor, a war hero and an author who was a pioneer in the American film industry;

Whereas Jack Valenti was a loving husband to his wife, Mary Margaret, and exceptional father to his three children, Alexandra, John and Courtenay;

Whereas Jack Valenti's spirit touched everyone he encountered whether in his political career or in his time spent with the Motion Picture Association;

Whereas Jack Valenti revolutionized the movie industry through the creation of a voluntary movie ratings system that has endured to this day;

Whereas Jack Valenti's vision for the movie industry has stood the test of time and provided guidance for families in their movie viewing experiences as well as safeguards for our filmmakers;

Whereas the vision and character Jack Valenti brought to the industry will be gravely missed; and

Whereas on April 26, 2007, Jack Valenti passed away, prompting friend and confidant Dan Glickman to say "Jack was a showman, a gentleman, an orator, and a passionate champion of this country, its movies, and the enduring freedoms that made both so important to this world. He also embodied the theatricality of our industry with his conviction, quick wit and boundless energy. In a very real sense, he was the ultimate leading man.": Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) recognizes Jack Valenti as one of the great-  
2           est contributors to the motion picture industry;

3           (2) honors Jack Valenti for his service to his  
4           country, tremendous accomplishments, and contribu-  
5           tions to the industry and to the nation; and

6           (3) extends its deepest condolences to the fam-  
7           ily of Jack Valenti.

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