

# House Resolution 25 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY RAECKER, ABDUL-SAMAD, ALONS,  
1 3 ANDERSON, ARNOLD, BAILEY, BAUDLER, BELL, BERRY,  
1 4 BOAL, BUKTA, CHAMBERS, CLUTE, COHOON, DANDEKAR,  
1 5 DAVITT, DE BOEF, DEYOE, DOLECHECK, DRAKE, FOEGE,  
1 6 FORD, FORRISTALL, FREVERT, GASKILL, GAYMAN, GIPP,  
1 7 GRANZOW, GRASSLEY, GREINER, HEATON, HEDDENS,  
1 8 HOFFMAN, HORBACH, HUNTER, HUSEMAN, HUSER, JACOBS,  
1 9 JACOBY, JOCHUM, KAUFMANN, KELLEY, KRESSIG, KUHN,  
1 10 LENSING, LUKAN, LYKAM, MASCHER, MAY, McCARTHY,  
1 11 MERTZ, H. MILLER, L. MILLER, MURPHY, OLDSO,  
1 12 D. OLSON, R. OLSON, S. OLSON, T. OLSON, PALMER,  
1 13 PAULSEN, PETERSEN, PETTENGILL, QUIRK, RANTS,  
1 14 RASMUSSEN, RAYHONS, REASONER, REICHERT, ROBERTS,  
1 15 SANDS, SCHICKEL, SCHUELLER, SHOMSHOR, SMITH,  
1 16 SODERBERG, STAED, STRUYK, SWAIM, D. TAYLOR,  
1 17 T. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TJEPKES, TOMENGA, TYMESON,  
1 18 UPMEYER, VAN ENGELENHOVEN, VAN FOSSEN, WATTS,  
1 19 WENDT, WENTHE, WESSEL-KROESCHELL, WHITAKER,  
1 20 WHITEAD, WIENCEK, WINCKLER, WINDSCHITL, WISE,  
1 21 WORTHAN, and ZIRKELBACH  
1 22 A Resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of  
1 23 Gerald Rudolph Ford, thirty-eighth President of the United  
1 24 States of America.  
1 25 WHEREAS, Gerald Rudolph Ford was born on July 14,  
1 26 1913, and grew to manhood in Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
1 27 where he was a star on the state champion South High  
1 28 School Trojans football team; and  
1 29 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford first entered politics in 1931,  
1 30 losing a race for president of his senior high school  
2 1 class on the Progressive ticket, but would not lose  
2 2 another election until 45 years later; and  
2 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford went on to win a scholarship to  
2 4 the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he  
2 5 worked as a dishwasher to help pay for his room and  
2 6 board; and  
2 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford later attended Yale Law School  
2 8 and earned an LL.B. degree in 1941; and  
2 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford joined the United States Naval  
2 10 Reserves in 1942 and served his country honorably  
2 11 during World War II; and  
2 12 WHEREAS, in 1948, Mr. Ford easily won his first  
2 13 term in the United States House of Representatives and  
2 14 never received less than 60 percent of the vote during  
2 15 a quarter-century as the Representative from  
2 16 Michigan's Fifth District; and  
2 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford served with great distinction in  
2 18 Congress, in particular through his service on the  
2 19 Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and as a member of  
2 20 the Warren Commission, which investigated the  
2 21 assassination of President John F. Kennedy; and  
2 22 WHEREAS, in 1965, Mr. Ford was selected as Minority  
2 23 Leader of the House of Representatives, a position he  
2 24 held for eight years; and  
2 25 WHEREAS, in December 1973, Mr. Ford was appointed  
2 26 Vice President of the United States and a scant eight  
2 27 months later was sworn in as President of the United  
2 28 States on August 9, 1974; and  
2 29 WHEREAS, in the two-and-one-half years of his  
2 30 presidency, Mr. Ford presided over the end of the  
3 1 American involvement in Vietnam, helped mediate a  
3 2 cease-fire agreement between Israel and Egypt, signed  
3 3 the Helsinki human rights convention with the Soviet  
3 4 Union and traveled to Vladivostok in the Soviet Far  
3 5 East to sign an arms limitation agreement with the  
3 6 Soviet president, and sent the Marines to free the  
3 7 crew of the Mayaguez, a merchant ship seized by North  
3 8 Korea; and  
3 9 WHEREAS, perhaps the greatest service to the  
3 10 American people by President Ford was ably summed up  
3 11 in the words of President George W. Bush:

3 12 "For a nation that needed healing, and for an  
3 13 office that needed a calm and steady hand, Gerald Ford  
3 14 came along when we needed him most. During his time  
3 15 in office, the American people came to know President  
3 16 Ford as a man of complete integrity who led our  
3 17 country with common sense and kind instincts."; and  
3 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was the archetype of the best in  
3 19 public life, an example of modesty, civility, and  
3 20 dedication that others should seek to follow; and  
3 21 WHEREAS, after a life filled with accomplishment  
3 22 and dedicated public service, Gerald Rudolph Ford died  
3 23 at the age of 93; NOW THEREFORE,  
3 24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
3 25 That the members of the House of Representatives note  
3 26 with sorrow the passing of President Gerald Rudolph  
3 27 Ford, and express their deep appreciation for  
3 28 President Ford's outstanding and important service to  
3 29 this nation; and  
3 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
4 1 Representatives directs the Chief Clerk of the House  
4 2 of Representatives to deliver a copy of this  
4 3 resolution to the House of Representatives of the  
4 4 United States Congress and to former First Lady Betty  
4 5 Ford.  
4 6 LSB 1732HH 82  
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