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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2004

Referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first meeting
of the Republican Party in Ripon, Wisconsin.

Whereas on March 20, 1854, 50 men, 3 women, and 1 child assembled in a simple frame schoolhouse, now known as the Little White Schoolhouse, in Ripon, Wisconsin, to advocate the creation of a new political party under the name “Republican”;

Whereas this March 20, 1854, meeting in Ripon, Wisconsin was the first of many grassroots meetings that led to the formal founding of the Republican Party;

Whereas the city of Ripon is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first meeting of the Republican Party with a celebration entitled “From Schoolhouse to White House; a Celebration of Active Citizenship,” which includes a series of civic and educational events;

Whereas the Little White Schoolhouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, was designated by the

Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark on May 30, 1974, and attracts visitors from around the world; and

Whereas the Little White Schoolhouse serves as a symbol of civic responsibility and grassroots political activism: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress commemorates the 150th an-
3 niversary of the first meeting of the Republican Party in
4 Ripon, Wisconsin.

Passed the Senate March 8, 2004.

Attest:

EMILY J. REYNOLDS,

Secretary.