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In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

December 19 (legislative day, December 18), 2005.

Whereas Helen Sewell, the proprietor of the concession stand in the Republican Cloak Room of the House of Representatives, through her long and devoted service to the House and its Members, has become a House institution in the minds and hearts of House Members;

Whereas Helen Sewell has worked at the counter in the Cloak Room since she was a teenager in the 1930's;

Whereas Helen Sewell's service to the House of Representatives is a continuation of a family tradition, as her father began working in the Cloak Room 87 years ago;

Whereas Helen Sewell, as a result of her almost seven decades of service, has been present for some of the defining events in the Nation's history and the House's history, including the attack by Puerto Rican nationalists on March 1, 1954;

Whereas Helen Sewell has established personal relationships with many of the 20th century's most important Americans, including Presidents Ford, Nixon, and George H.W. Bush;

Whereas Helen Sewell's dedication to her work, and her careful attention to Members of the House, has provided both

nourishment and friendship to Members of the House since the days of the Great Depression;

Whereas Helen Sewell has demonstrated extraordinary strength and endurance by working long and difficult hours past her 80th year;

Whereas Helen Sewell received the 1983 John W. McCormick Award of Excellence for her service to the Congress;

Whereas all who have served as Members in the United States House of Representatives, and who have had occasion to meet Helen Sewell, believe that her service to the House is a matter of historical importance and should be commemorated; and

Whereas Helen Sewell will retire officially from the House of Representatives on December 31, 2005: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors Helen Sewell on the occasion of her retirement and expresses its gratitude for her many years of service.

Attest:

Clerk.