

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 708

Recognizing the centennial of Christopher House in Chicago.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2006

Mr. GUTIERREZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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# RESOLUTION

Recognizing the centennial of Christopher House in Chicago.

Whereas in 1906, the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston founded Christopher House as a settlement house on Chicago's north side that over a century has grown in response to the needs of people in its community;

Whereas Christopher House is a catalyst for strengthening and empowering low-income children and their families by providing a web of support that helps families become self-sufficient and resilient and communities become stronger;

Whereas Christopher House served 1,200 individuals in the first year of operation, with an annual budget of \$4,612 and now serves about 3,500 children and families with an annual budget of \$7,700,000;

Whereas Christopher House has always welcomed and supported new immigrants, contributing to Chicago's proud tradition as a city of immigrants;

Whereas today Christopher House is a seven-site family resource center that helps families overcome the consequences of poverty, enabling them to thrive;

Whereas through early childhood and youth development, parent enrichment, literacy, counseling, pregnant and parenting teen support, and the meeting of basic human needs, Christopher House is a catalyst in the journey of families towards stability, resiliency, and self-sufficiency; and

Whereas 2006 is Christopher House's Centennial Year that will be marked by a number of celebrations, including a Centennial Kick-Off Open House, the Centennial Gala, the Annual Fall Fest, the Annual Holiday Adopt-a-Family program, and Food Walk: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) applauds Christopher House for a century  
3       of contributions to people in need throughout Chi-  
4       cago;

5               (2) recognizes the past and current employees,  
6       Board of Directors, volunteers, and donors for their  
7       dedication of time, money, and resources to Chris-  
8       topher House; and

9               (3) congratulates Christopher House on the oc-  
10      casion of its centennial celebration for enriching and

- 1 improving the lives of Chicagoans for 100 years and
- 2 looks forward to many more years of its services.

