

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

# H. CON. RES. 382

Recognizing the important social and labor contributions and accomplishments of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton of New Jersey on the 70th anniversary of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2008

Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. HOLT, Ms. LEE, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SUTTON, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the important social and labor contributions and accomplishments of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton of New Jersey on the 70th anniversary of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Whereas Congresswoman Mary Norton was the 6th woman to serve in the United States Congress;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton was the first woman elected to the United States Congress from east of the Mississippi;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton was elected to the 69th Congress and the 12 succeeding Congresses;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton was the first woman to head a Committee of the House;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton became the chair of 3 committees during her time in Congress—Veterans Affairs, the District of Columbia, and Labor;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton played an instrumental role as Chair of the Committee on Labor in the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act;

Whereas after much opposition and despite the original version of the Fair Labor Standards Act being defeated, the Congresswoman produced another version of the legislation which passed the House on May 24, 1938, by a vote of 314 to 97;

Whereas President Roosevelt signed the Fair Labor Standards Act into law on June 25, 1938;

Whereas the Fair Labor Standards Act established a national minimum wage, set standards in overtime pay, prohibited cruel child labor, and was the formative legislation for the labor laws and standards of the Nation;

Whereas Congresswoman Norton was a catalyst in the passage of this influential labor legislation; and

Whereas Congresswoman Norton was a champion of the American worker: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) recognizes the important social and labor  
4            contributions and accomplishments of Congress-  
5            woman Mary T. Norton of New Jersey on the 70th  
6            anniversary of the Fair Labor Standards Act; and

1           (2) acknowledges the importance and the role  
2           that the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 played  
3           in shaping today's labor standards, especially min-  
4           imum wage, overtime pay, child labor laws, and  
5           equal pay.

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