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# H. RES. 1029

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2008

Mr. GUTIERREZ (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BACA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FATAH, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WATT, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country.

Whereas sports figures, through their perseverance, discipline, and good behavior, can serve as examples of excellence, dedication, and devotion to our youth;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on October 23, 1935, and rose from the most humble of circumstances as the fifth of the 6 children of a agricultural laborer and a housekeeper;

Whereas these hardships did not harden him but motivated him to become a great sportsman, humanitarian, and role model;

Whereas Chi-Chi joined the ranks of golf professionals at the age of 24, reportedly standing at 5 foot seven inches and weighing 117 pounds;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez had a stellar career in the sport of golf, earning an impressive record of 38 professional wins, including 8 PGA Tour wins and 22 Senior PGA Tour wins;

Whereas his Senior Tour records for most consecutive victories, at 4, and most consecutive birdies, at 8, still stand;

Whereas in 1979, Chi-Chi Rodriguez helped create the Chi-Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, and the Chi-Chi Rodriguez Academy in Clearwater, Florida, which have collectively raised more than \$4,000,000 to help thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth reach their life potential through educational opportunities and support programs, including a public partnership school, a community service program, a nine-hole golf course and others, and has been recognized by receiving the 1986 National Golf Foundation Award for best Youth Program in the United States, becoming the 758th President Bush's Point of Light, and receiving the Robie Award for Humanitarianism presented by the Jackie Robinson Foundation, among others;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez has joined with the FBI Agents Association to lead the Chi-Chi Rodriguez G-Man Desert Shootout Tournament devoted to raising funds for college scholarships for the children of FBI agents killed in the line of duty;

Whereas in 1989, the United States Golf Association, founded in 1894, granted Chi-Chi Rodriguez its highest honor, the Bob Jones Award, in recognition for his distinguished sportsmanship in golf;

Whereas in 1994, Chi-Chi Rodriguez was inducted to the first class of the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame for “world class athletic ability”, for being “a role model in his community”, and for having “a strong record of humanitarian efforts”;

Whereas in 1992, Chi-Chi Rodriguez was inducted to the World Golf Hall of Fame, “Golf’s highest honor”;

Whereas in 1973, Chi-Chi Rodriguez was a member of the U.S. team that won the Ryder Cup in Muirfield, Scotland;

Whereas in 1981, Chi-Chi Rodriguez was selected by the Northern Ohio Golf Charities as its first Ambassador of Golf;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez has received countless other distinguished awards and recognitions such as the 1974 Charlie Bartlett Award of the Golf Writers Association, the 1981 Richardson Award of the Golf Writers Association of America, the 1982 Father of the Year Award, the 1986 Card Walker Award (Outstanding Contribution to Junior Golf), the 1986 Salvation Army Gold Crest Award, the 12th Roberto Clemente Cup, the 1986 Byron Nelson Award, the 1986 Hispanic Achievement Recogni-

tion Award, the 1987 Byron Nelson Award, the 1987 Senior Tour Arnold Palmer Award, the 1988 Fred Raphael Golf Achievement Award, the 1989 Old Tom Morris Award, the 1990 “Caring for Kids” Award, the 1991 Jackie Robinson Humanitarian Award, the 1993 Civilian Meritorious Service Medal presented by the Department of Defense, the 1997 International Network of Golf Award, the 1998 Ford Achievement Award, and the 2003 Paul Runyan Memorial Recognition Award, among others;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez has authored and coauthored several books and articles about golf, such as “Chi Chi’s Secrets of Power Golf” in 1967, “Everybody’s Golf Book” in 1975, “Chi Chi’s Power Pack” in 1982, “Every Golfer’s Guide to Lower Scores by Chi-Chi Rodriguez” in 1990, and “Chi Chi’s Golf Games You Gotta Play” in 2003, among others;

Whereas his philosophy of life can be summarized by his quoted expressions “For me, satisfaction comes from knowing that I was put on this planet to leave it better ...”, and “A man never stands taller than when he stoops to help a child”;

Whereas Chi-Chi Rodriguez embodies the spirit of generosity and humanism of his fellow Puerto Rican, Roberto Clemente; and

Whereas as a native of Puerto Rico, Chi-Chi Rodriguez has proven to be an important role model and source of pride for all Puerto Ricans, as well as all Latin Americans and all immigrants to the United States from across the globe: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-  
2 representatives—

3           (1) congratulates Chi-Chi Rodriguez for his  
4 successes in the sport of golf in the United States  
5 and throughout the world;

6           (2) commends Chi-Chi Rodriguez for his exem-  
7 plary conduct as a private citizen;

8           (3) commends Chi-Chi Rodriguez for a life de-  
9 voted to service to others, in particular, for his help  
10 to low-income and underprivileged youth, and to the  
11 children of FBI agents killed in the line of duty; and

12           (4) expresses gratitude for his service as a role  
13 model and an inspiration for our youth, the people  
14 of Puerto Rico, and the United States.

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