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H.R. No. 1029

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nancy Pelosi, the first woman to serve as speaker of
2 the United States House of Representatives, was elected to a fourth
3 term in that office in January 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Speaker Pelosi's career as a member of congress
5 began in 1987, and she has long been one of the most powerful and
6 influential figures on Capitol Hill; in 2002, she was elected as
7 house minority leader by her Democratic colleagues, becoming the
8 first woman in history to hold that title; after rising to the
9 position of speaker in 2007, she presided over the house during the
10 highly productive 111th Congress from 2009 to 2011, working with
11 President Barack Obama to secure passage of the American Recovery
12 and Reinvestment Act and the landmark Affordable Care Act; she also
13 rallied support for Wall Street reforms, consumer protection
14 legislation, and anti-discrimination laws, such as the Lily
15 Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, as well as the repeal of the U.S. military's
16 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout her time in office, Speaker Pelosi has
18 been a leading advocate on environmental issues; in 1989, she
19 introduced a provision known as the Pelosi Amendment to the
20 International Development and Finance Act, requiring greater
21 scrutiny of the environmental impacts of proposed development; as
22 speaker, she worked to enact comprehensive energy legislation in
23 2007 that raised vehicle fuel efficiency standards, and under her
24 leadership, the house continued its efforts to combat climate

1 change by passing the American Clean Energy and Security Act of
2 2009; demonstrating her strength as a negotiator, she later helped
3 secure renewable energy tax credits as part of the fiscal year 2016
4 spending bill; and

5 WHEREAS, In her efforts to promote accountability and
6 transparency in government, Speaker Pelosi has led the house in
7 passing robust ethics reforms; other prominent bills signed into
8 law during her speakership have ushered in a minimum wage increase,
9 a significant expansion in college aid funding, and improved
10 veterans' services; and

11 WHEREAS, While holding the post of house minority leader from
12 2011 to 2019, this determined legislator helped attain funding to
13 fight the opioid epidemic, to advance medical research, and to
14 provide child care assistance to low-income families, among other
15 accomplishments; moreover, she united house Democrats in opposing
16 attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and championed a
17 bipartisan agreement to strengthen Medicare; and

18 WHEREAS, Speaker Pelosi again made history in 2019 when she
19 became the first member of congress to regain the speaker's gavel in
20 more than 60 years; through her widely publicized work as a
21 congressional leader, she has helped break down barriers at the
22 highest levels of public service and has served as a role model for
23 other women seeking elected office; in recognition of her immense
24 influence in politics and society, she was inducted into the
25 National Women's Hall of Fame in 2013; and

26 WHEREAS, Nancy Pelosi has played an instrumental role in
27 American government during a pivotal era in our nation's history,

1 and her leadership will be integral to the important work carried
2 out by the United States Congress in the years ahead; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Nancy Pelosi on her election to a
6 fourth term as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and
7 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Speaker Pelosi as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.