

(Washington DC) Today, Representatives Charlie Gonzalez (D-TX) and Walter Jones (R-NC) introduced a resolution honoring our nation's seniors for helping to make America great. The resolution, if enacted, would direct the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the importance of honoring seniors, encourage young people to spend time with seniors so they may learn of their accomplishments and urges all Americans to thank seniors for their service. Prompted by a desire that our seniors be treated with the dignity and respect due the 'Greatest Generation,' Representatives Gonzalez and Jones worked together to draft the resolution so that Congress will keep seniors in mind when considering legislation that will profoundly affect them in years to come.

"Our seniors fought and sacrificed during some of our nation's darkest hours," said Congressman Gonzalez. "Yet, their fortitude and hard work should not go unrecognized, and I introduce this resolution to make all Americans aware of the enormity of their contribution to our nation's greatness. Unfortunately terms tend to lose significance over time as 'senior citizen' has. But, I hope we will again look upon our senior citizens in the original meaning of those two words: as experienced and wise members of our democracy, without whom, our nation may not even exist today. This resolution is the least we can do for them."

"It is so important that policymakers in Congress recognize the contributions of our nation's seniors by keeping their needs in mind as we develop legislation," said Congressman Jones. "We must take this responsibility seriously as we consider issues such as Medicare, Social Security, veteran's benefits, housing and healthcare," Jones said. "We must always work to ensure that the needs of our seniors, who are often the most vulnerable members of society, do not get overlooked."

"As the largest nonpartisan seniors group in the nation, we are thrilled to see the sacrifices made by our 1.2 million members, as well as all seniors, honored," said Ralph McCutchen, Chairman of the TREA Senior Citizens League. "Whether we seniors were defending our nation in wartime, rationing food to make sure others could eat, or raising a family, it's humbling to see our efforts recognized by the United States Congress. We commend Congressmen Gonzalez and Jones for introducing this resolution."

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