

Reps. Darany, Brown, Durhal, Geiss, Lamonte, LaVoy, Roberts, Santana and Slavens offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 240.**

A resolution to recognize the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Whereas, On November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald while campaigning in Dallas, Texas; and

Whereas, John F. Kennedy was the 35th president of the United States for nearly three years before his tragic and untimely death; and

Whereas, Although President John F. Kennedy did not live to see a man walk on the moon, it was his support and inspiring commitment to space exploration that helped make it possible six years after his death; and

Whereas, in 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship. The program has allowed over 210,000 volunteers to serve 139 different host countries since its creation, helping the people of interested countries better understand Americans and helping Americans better understand other people; and

Whereas, On May 5, 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed the minimum wage bill that raised the minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and expanded its coverage to include roughly 3.5 million more citizens; and

Whereas, President John F. Kennedy's support of and advocacy for the civil rights movement was seen through numerous executive orders and personal appeals, such as the executive order made in 1962 that prohibited discrimination in the sale or leasing of housing that was financed by federally guaranteed loans or owned by the federal government; and

Whereas, The patience, intelligence, and bravery shown by President John F. Kennedy led the United States out of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, safely averting the prospect of a worldwide nuclear war; and

Whereas, These acts as President of the United States won John F. Kennedy numerous awards, including the American Campaign Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

Whereas, In his time as President of the United States, John F. Kennedy enacted and inspired programs, movements, and legislation for the benefit of the nation and its people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize the 50th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. We honor his memory and the contributions he made to the United States of America.