



H.Res. 1091 – Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston and extending its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1091 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK) on April 8, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the resolution, as amended, by voice vote on April 16, 2008.

H.Res. 1091 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1091 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- honors the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston; and
- extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father.

BACKGROUND

Charlton Heston was an actor who appeared in over 100 films over the course of his 60 year career, appearing in films such as *The Ten Commandments* and *Ben Hur*, for which he won an Oscar for Best Actor. Mr. Heston served as the president of the Screen Actors Guild from 1966-1971, and was appointed by President Reagan as the co-chairman of the President's Task Force on the Arts and Humanities, tasking him with finding ways to provide financing for arts organizations. He was a recipient of the annual Kennedy Center Honors award in 1997.

In 1997, Mr. Heston was elected vice-president of the National Rifle Association (NRA), and in 1998 was elected to his first of four terms as NRA president. Later in 2003, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bush.

Mr. Heston was born in Evanston, Illinois, in 1923. He studied theatre at Northwestern University and then spent two years stationed in the Aleutian Islands as a radio-gunner with the Army Air Force. In 1944, he married fellow drama student Lydia Clarke. Mr. Heston died on April 2, 2008 in his Beverly Hills, California home, and is survived by his wife, their two children Fraser and Holly Ann, and three grandchildren.

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