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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Honoring the life and legacy of Patrick Gottsch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEWHOUSE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Patrick Gottsch.

Whereas Patrick Gottsch was born on June 3, 1953, in Elkhorn, Nebraska;

Whereas Patrick Gottsch grew up on a family farm raising corn, soybeans, and cattle;

Whereas Patrick Gottsch founded Rural Media Group, Inc., which is the parent company for RFD-TV, RURAL RADIO, The Cowboy Channel, and The Cowgirl Channel;

Whereas, in December 2000, Patrick Gottsch launched Rural Free Delivery Television (RFD-TV) on DISH Network, as the first 24-hour television network devoted to rural America, and features programming focused on the agribusiness, equine, and the rural lifestyle, along with tradi-

tional country music and entertainment, which has sparked a new generation of farmers and ranchers throughout rural America;

Whereas Patrick Gottsch expanded Rural Media Group, Inc., to include RURAL RADIO, The Cowboy Channel, and The Cowgirl Channel;

Whereas The Cowboy Channel is credited with revolutionizing western sports, providing rodeo with a media platform on par with traditional urban sports;

Whereas RFD-TV, The Cowboy Channel, and The Cowgirl Channel are broadcast to more than 40,000,000 homes worldwide;

Whereas RFD-TV has received many awards and has been deemed “Rural America’s Most Important Network”;

Whereas Patrick Gottsch is survived by his 3 daughters, Raquel, Gatsby, and Rose, and his wife, Angie;

Whereas, on May 18, 2024, Patrick Gottsch passed away, and is buried in his hometown of Elkhorn, Nebraska; and

Whereas this resolution honors the life of Patrick Gottsch, founder of Rural Media Group, Inc., who has educated and inspired decades of ranchers and farmers around rural America: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the life and legacy of Patrick Gottsch.