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HONORING REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM

HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, Reverend Billy Graham was the premier example of how faith, hope and love can transcend political parties, backgrounds, cultures and affiliations. Rev. Graham preached to tens of millions. He preached Christ. His death and resurrection. Despite holding favor and serving as a spiritual advisor to presidents, kings and queens – and having a world renowned impact and legacy – Graham always remained grounded in humility. That speaks to his character. But it speaks to Christ’s spirit in Rev. Graham. Even as he preached to stadiums filled with tens of thousands, you knew that Rev. Graham cared about you as an individual, your life and your future. Earning the titles “America’s Pastor” and “North Carolina’s favorite son,” a small-town pastor from North Carolina, who grew up on a dairy farm, preached the love and name of Jesus Christ. Never wavering, he changed the world – bringing thousands of lives to salvation and eternal life. For me, Rev. Graham will always be remembered for his focus on redemption and the idea that there is limitless hope, opportunity and freedom for every human life. Though I am not worthy to carry the old worn out Bible of Billy Graham, I am honored to be presenting the resolution to authorize Rev. Graham’s body to be the fourth American to lie in honor at the United States Capitol, the epicenter of our government. For almost a century, Rev. Graham changed lives and influenced our nation for the better. Though Reverend Graham never chased the honor of men, next week he will lie in honor for two days. We take comfort knowing that Rev. Graham has entered paradise and lives forever to honor the name above all names, the name of Jesus.