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House Approves Resolution to Accept Statue of Gerald R. Ford

Washington, D.C. – Today, the House passed House Concurrent Resolution 27, providing for the acceptance of the Gerald R. Ford statue into the U.S. Capitol. U.S. Representative Justin Amash (MI-03) was a cosponsor of the measure.

The statue will be displayed in the Capitol Rotunda. A formal presentation ceremony for the statue is scheduled for May 3, 2011. Each state is allocated space for two memorials. Lewis Cass, governor of the Territory of Michigan from 1813 to 1836, is the other honoree from Michigan.

Amash entered the following statement into the Congressional Record:

“President Ford served the State of Michigan and the United States with distinction during a time of immense upheaval. Placing a statue of President Ford in the Capitol is a great tribute and is well earned.

“I admire President Ford’s willingness to take principled stands for what he believed was right, even if those decisions were unpopular at the time. I am honored to represent the same district that President Ford served, and I will continue to strive to live up to his principled example.

“Thank you to the people of Michigan for providing this statue. It is my hope that this statue will serve as a symbol of political courage to future Capitol visitors.”

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