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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.Res. 743, a resolution honoring the life of Roxbury, Connecticut resident Frank McCourt for his many contributions to American literature, education, and culture. Murphy introduced the resolution after McCourt's death in July of this year.

"Frank was dearly-loved throughout his community as a warm, friendly neighbor who was always willing to roll up his sleeves and get involved in local causes and charities. The wit and generous spirit that defined his writing was familiar to anyone who knew Frank - he was a fiery, vital presence," said Murphy in a statement.

As an author, McCourt was best known for his best-selling series of memoirs, including the Pulitzer-prize winning 1996 work *Angela's Ashes*. Years before he became a literary icon, however, he was best known among thousands of New York City high school students as a passionate and committed teacher, holding his classes spellbound with his rapturous stories.

Murphy wrote the resolution, along with Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2), to honor McCourt's memory, and for McCourt's wife Ellen and their family.

"Frank spent his life shaping young people's lives as a teacher and sharing his writings with the world. Frank McCourt will be missed by not just those who honor him today in Congress, but by the millions around the world whose lives he touched," concluded Murphy.

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