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H. RES. 1002

Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SPRATT, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, and Mr. WU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”.

Whereas the mission of public radio is to create a more informed public that is challenged and invigorated by a deeper understanding and appreciation of events, ideas, and cultures;

Whereas the programming content created and distributed by public radio are based upon three core values, qualities of mind, qualities of heart, and qualities of craft, that exemplify the inherent meaning of localism by placing value

and financial investment in local and regional assets to gather and distribute a collection of programming that informs and improves community;

Whereas public radio is known for distinctive, award-winning programming that includes “Morning Edition”, “All Things Considered”, “A Prairie Home Companion”, “Marketplace”, “Speaking of Faith”, and “This American Life”;

Whereas America’s more than 800 public radio stations serve every State and every congressional district with news, information, cultural, and music programming that is unique to free radio;

Whereas some 33,000,000 Americans listen each week to public radio programming;

Whereas the public radio audience has doubled in the past 15 years and increased by some 70 percent in the past decade;

Whereas public radio stations are licensed by community foundations, colleges, universities, school boards, libraries, and other local nonprofit entities;

Whereas public radio stations are locally licensed, locally staffed, locally programmed, and have tailored their programming to meet the needs of local audiences;

Whereas public radio stations receive on average more than 85 percent of their annual funding from local sources;

Whereas public radio’s public service finds expression through a deep, rich music discovery, education, and enrichment experience for both its audience and the performers, singer-songwriters, musicians, lyricists, and composers, which places the highest emphasis on a value partnership with

performers to bring all facets of music into the lives of its audience in a way that is found nowhere else;

Whereas public radio has preserved and enhanced the archetypal musical formats of American music history like jazz, classical, folk, bluegrass, the blues, and Celtic and regards these formats as the priceless family treasures of public radio’s musical foundations;

Whereas public radio is responding to its commitment to community-based and fact-based journalism with several initiatives, including the Local News Initiative, a national effort to increase public radio’s service to communities through investments in station capacity to provide in-depth, serious, and balanced news, and Public Insight Journalism, a pioneering concept that utilizes citizens to help cover the news by sharing their observations, knowledge, and expertise;

Whereas public radio has embraced digital broadcasting technology because of its inherently inclusive nature and potential to expand public service programming;

Whereas public radio exists to serve the public interest; and

Whereas the month of April 2008 would be an appropriate date for the designation of a “Public Radio Recognition Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States House of Rep-

2 resentatives—

3 (1) expresses support for designation of a

4 “Public Radio Recognition Month”; and

1 (2) encourages the celebration of America's
2 public radio stations for their contributions to our
3 Nation's communities and enduring civic spirit.

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