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H. RES. 216

Congratulating the Plastics Industry Association on its 80th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCSHON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Plastics Industry Association on its 80th anniversary.

Whereas the Plastics Industry Association is the leading association in the United States that represents companies in the plastics industry;

Whereas the Plastics Industry Association was founded as the Society of the Plastics Industry in 1937 in Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania, as the collective voice of a then-nascent plastics industry and has since become the chief advocate for the entire plastics supply chain, including plastics machinery manufacturers, plastics material suppliers, plastics processors, moldmakers, recyclers, and consumer brand owners;

Whereas, today, the Plastics Industry Association represents the interests of an industry that makes regular and vital contributions to the healthcare, automotive, advanced manufacturing, transportation, aeronautics, building and construction, telecommunications, recycling, packaging, and consumer electronics sectors;

Whereas, over the course of the 80-year history of the Plastics Industry Association, the association has—

(1) advocated for the use of plastics; and

(2) presided over the development of plastic from a low-cost replacement for metals, wood, glass, marble, shell, and other traditional materials to the sustainable material of choice because of its strength, light weight, recyclability, and design versatility;

Whereas the Plastics Industry Association hosts NPE: The Plastics Show, which is the second largest trade show in the United States and attracts more than 60,000 plastics professionals from more than 100 countries to the United States every 3 years;

Whereas the Plastics Industry Association has hosted NPE: The Plastics Show in the United States since the show was first founded in 1946 and the show has served as a platform for growth and innovation in the plastics industry of the United States for 70 years;

Whereas the Federal Government, through the War Production Board, recognized the importance of plastics and the contributions of plastics to the war effort during World War II, a conflict in which plastics played an essential military role with respect to weaponry, aircraft, wire and cable technology, medical devices, and troop supplies; and

Whereas the plastics industry generates \$418,000,000,000 in revenue annually in the United States and supports approximately 954,000 jobs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Plastics Industry Associa-
3 tion on its 80th anniversary;

4 (2) reaffirms the crucial role that plastics have
5 played over the last 80 years and continue to play
6 in strengthening the economy of the United States
7 and improving the everyday lives of the people of the
8 United States; and

9 (3) recognizes the importance of continued in-
10 vestment in plastics, manufacturing, research, and
11 education in the fields of science, technology, engi-
12 neering, and mathematics.

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