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Recognizing the importance and contributions of neurodivergent people to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance and contributions of neurodivergent people to the United States.

Whereas the United States is a diverse nation that strives to value the unique talents and contributions of every person;

Whereas neurodiversity includes all neurological differences, and it is estimated that 15 to 20 percent of the world's population, including more than 50 million people in the United States, exhibit forms of neurodivergence;

Whereas neurodivergent individuals have made significant contributions to numerous fields, including science, technology, the arts, medicine, political leadership, and advocacy, all of which enhance the cultural and economic fabric of society;

Whereas ensuring neurodivergent individuals are embraced and included in society is a question of basic civil rights and is a matter of paramount importance;

Whereas countless advocates and organizations across the United States have worked tirelessly through generations to raise awareness of neurodivergent people, eliminate stigma, challenge barriers to progress, and provide support to neurodivergent individuals;

Whereas neurodivergent individuals often approach challenges and problem-solving in novel and valuable ways, and allowing for the persistence of societal barriers to their full inclusion in dignity and opportunity causes the Nation both moral and material diminishment; and

Whereas providing for the support and inclusion of neurodivergent individuals in all spheres of life will make the United States a stronger and more just nation, foster innovation and creativity, and bring us closer to realizing the ideals of our founding: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the importance and contributions
3 of neurodivergent people to the United States;

4 (2) encourages continued efforts to raise aware-
5 ness about neurodiversity, promote inclusion and be-
6 longing, and eliminate ableism associated with
7 neurodiversity;

8 (3) commends organizations, advocates, and in-
9 dividuals who have worked to support
10 neurodivergent individuals and create opportunities
11 for progress; and

1 (4) calls on all people in the United States to
2 work toward a society that is inclusive and sup-
3 portive of every person regardless of identity or dis-
4 ability.

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