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H. RES. 517

Expressing support for the designation of the third Sunday in June as
“Father’s Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. RYAN, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LIEU, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CROW, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. VARGAS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

Expressing support for the designation of the third Sunday
in June as “Father’s Day”.

Whereas Father’s Day recognizes and raises awareness of the
importance of fathers in the United States;

Whereas Father’s Day was established in 1966 by then-Presi-
dent Lyndon Johnson issuing a proclamation setting
aside the third Sunday in June to honor fathers;

Whereas Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972, when then-President Richard Nixon signed a law making it a permanent national holiday;

Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, whether in their homes, workplaces, schools, and communities, fathers have fought for themselves, their families, and all people of the United States;

Whereas 6 in 10 adult men in the United States are fathers;

Whereas 36,000,000 men live with 80,000,000 children under 18 years of age;

Whereas 29,000,000 of these fathers are also grandfathers;

Whereas fathers are just as likely as mothers to say that parenting is extremely important to their identity;

Whereas, since 1965, fathers in the United States have nearly tripled the time they spend caring for children;

Whereas there are 1,800,000 men who are "solo" fathers to a minor;

Whereas children with involved loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, and exhibit greater emotional security, curiosity, and math and verbal skills;

Whereas toddlers with involved fathers go to school with higher levels of academic readiness, and they are more patient when handling stress associated with attending school;

Whereas the positive impacts of having an engaged father persist into adolescence and adulthood, resulting in higher intellectual functioning, better verbal skills, and higher academic achievement;

Whereas children with involved fathers have higher self-esteem and fewer behavioral problems at school;

Whereas fathers who take 2 or more weeks off after the birth of a child are more involved in that child's direct care 9 months after birth than fathers who take no leave;

Whereas a father's involvement in his newborn's care in the first 6 months can mean both mother and baby sleep better;

Whereas a mother's income rises 7 percent for each month of leave their child's father takes;

Whereas policies that provide support to fathers ensure that families and children thrive while also benefiting fathers' physical and mental health;

Whereas universal paid family and medical leave will give fathers the freedom to care for themselves and their loved ones;

Whereas affordable, accessible, high-quality child care with family sustaining wages for early educators will help fathers support their children's healthy development; and

Whereas a permanent, fully inclusive, monthly child tax credit will put consistent resources into the hands of fathers caring for children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the role of fathers in the United
3 States;

4 (2) urges support for universal paid family and
5 medical leave, affordable, accessible, high-quality
6 child care, and a permanent, fully inclusive, monthly
7 child tax credit;

- 1 (3) acknowledges that fathers can, and should,
2 be celebrated and supported as an integral part of
3 families, communities, workplaces, and society; and
4 (4) supports the designation of a “Father’s
5 Day”.

