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Expressing support for the goals of America Recycles Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. GILCHREST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals of America Recycles Day.

Whereas the people of the United States generate approximately 208,000,000 tons of municipal solid waste each year, or 4.3 pounds per person per day;

Whereas the average office worker in the United States generates between 120 and 150 pounds of recoverable white office paper a year;

Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency recently estimated that the recycling rate in the United States has reached 27 percent of the solid waste stream;

Whereas making products from recycled materials allows the people of the United States to get the most use of every tree, every gallon of oil, every pound of mineral, every

drop of water, and every kilowatt of energy that goes into the products they buy;

Whereas manufacturing from recycled materials creates less waste and fewer emissions;

Whereas recycling saves energy, reducing the need to deplete nonrenewable energy resources;

Whereas it is estimated that 9 jobs are created for every 15,000 tons of solid waste recycled into new products;

Whereas recycling is completed only when recovered materials are returned to retailers as new products and are purchased by consumers;

Whereas buying recycled products conserves resources and energy, reduces waste and pollution, and creates jobs;

Whereas more than 4,500 recycled products are now available to consumers;

Whereas the United States has a two-way, use and reuse system of recycling and buying recyclables;

Whereas Americans support recycling, but need a regular reminder of the importance of buying recycled content products, the availability of recycled content products, and how to recycle; and

Whereas states and localities throughout the country will be establishing November 17, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as “America Recycles Day” in their communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives supports the
3 goals of America Recycles Day; and

1 (2) the House of Representatives requests that
2 the President issue a proclamation calling on the
3 people of the United States to support the goals of
4 each America Recycles Day with appropriate cere-
5 monies and activities.

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