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To express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. FORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay.

Whereas the children of the United States deserve the finest preparation possible to face the demands of the world's changing information-based economy;

Whereas NetDay is a grass-roots effort to provide elementary and secondary schools with the infrastructure needed to network computers in those school and connect them with the Internet;

Whereas labor and materials for the work done by NetDay are provided by volunteers and support from businesses, unions, parents, teachers, students, and school employees, thereby saving schools and taxpayers millions of dollars;

Whereas students and schools benefit from significant NetDay corporate sponsorship and donations, from hundreds of businesses and organizations throughout the nation who contributed by sponsoring individual schools, providing wiring kits, and helping to design and test the networks;

Whereas NetDay activities nationwide will help elementary and secondary schools acquire educational technology, such as computer hardware, software, Internet and technical services, teaching aids, and training materials;

Whereas in 1996, more than 100,000 NetDay volunteers installed the wiring infrastructure necessary to efficiently and affordably connect 25,000 elementary and secondary schools nationwide to the information superhighway, bringing the children in those schools the educational benefits of contemporary technology;

Whereas NetDay organizers created a World Wide Web site which provides access to an on-line database of elementary and secondary schools where individuals with a shared interest in upgrading technology in schools can locate each other and form lasting communities;

Whereas NetDay stresses educational opportunities for all children by reaching out to public and private schools in urban and rural communities of all income levels in an attempt to equalize access to current technology;

Whereas the relationships formed through NetDay activities and initiatives between schools and surrounding communities will last into the 21st century and other communities are planning future NetDay activities that build and expand upon the initial achievements of the 1996 NetDay activities;

Whereas NetDay has substantially increased the visibility of educational technology issues thus encouraging educators to use computers and related, innovative, technology-based learning tools to teach the Nation's children;

Whereas NetDay enables elementary and secondary schools to move into the information age through community and cyberspace-based action; and

Whereas we should not limit the ability of any child of this Nation to succeed; therefore, all of our Nation's children should be given the opportunity to acquire computer skills: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the organizers, sponsors, coordinators, and
4 volunteers of NetDay should be commended for their
5 actions;

6 (2) NetDay should be used as a positive model
7 in communities throughout the Nation;

8 (3) NetDay should continue to assist students,
9 parents, and schools across the Nation, so that the
10 Nation's children may, by obtaining the benefits of
11 computer networks and the Internet, strengthen
12 their education and begin careers with more skills
13 and opportunities, thus enabling them to compete
14 more successfully in the global economy;

15 (4) businesses, unions, parents, teachers, stu-
16 dents, and school employees throughout the country

1 should consider organizing NetDay activities to pro-
2 vide similar opportunities for the children in their
3 communities; and

4 (5) the House of Representatives supports
5 NetDay's commitment to providing the Nations' ele-
6 mentary and secondary schools with the techno-
7 logical infrastructure needed to help the Nations'
8 children succeed.

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