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H. CON. RES. 126

To honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 1999

Mr. BROWN of California (for himself and Mrs. MORELLA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

Whereas the Congress recognizes that the future of our Nation relies heavily on continued scientific discovery and technological innovation;

Whereas the Congress further recognizes that our Nation's success in the coming years will depend on quality science education that develops the ability of students to understand and apply the principles of science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, was launched in 1992 to energize stu-

dents with a desire to learn and to increase their interest in the world of science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program asks students, working in teams of 3 or 4 with a teacher-advisor, to use their imagination to envision a form of technology 20 years from now, and to compete by sharing their vision through written descriptions and story boards;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program, in recognizing the fact that most of today's scientific discoveries and technological innovation are achieved through teamwork, encourages students to develop their ability to work together as a team to explore innovative scientific and technological visions of the future;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program exemplifies the principles espoused in the National Science Education Standards, including cooperative learning, teacher as facilitator, and performance-based assessment;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program cuts across all science disciplines and relates the disciplines of language, arts, mathematics, and art to science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program has grown to become the largest K–12 student science competition in the world since its launch in 1992; and

Whereas the Congress supports efforts to improve science education and recognizes that it is critical that the United States, through programs like the ExploraVision Awards Program, takes a lead role in encouraging students to develop the kind of scientific and technological thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) honors the ExploraVision Awards Program
4 as an innovative national student science competition
5 for its outstanding contribution to science education,
6 and for providing students the opportunity to learn
7 the excitement of scientific achievement, the value of
8 teamwork, the joy of creativity, and a spirit of ac-
9 complishment;

10 (2) encourages K–12 students across the coun-
11 try to participate in this innovative student science
12 competition;

13 (3) commends the National Science Teachers
14 Association and Toshiba for their dedication to the
15 success of the program and to encouraging students
16 to pursue careers in science;

17 (4) authorizes and requests the President to
18 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the
19 United States to support the goals of the
20 ExploraVision Awards Program, with appropriate
21 ceremonies and activities; and

22 (5) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
23 atives to transmit copies of this resolution to—

24 (A) the President;

1 (B) the National Science and Technology
2 Council;

3 (C) the President's Committee of Advisors
4 on Science and Technology; and

5 (D) the Governor of each of the several
6 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
7 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and
8 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
9 lands, and to the mayor of the District of Co-
10 lumbia, with a request that the Governor or
11 mayor transmit copies of this resolution to each
12 school district in the Governor's or mayor's
13 jurisdiction.

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