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H. RES. 173

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the benefits
of biotechnology.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RILEY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, and Mr. OSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives
regarding the benefits of biotechnology.

Whereas biotechnology is increasingly important to the research and development of medical, agricultural, industrial, and environmental products;

Whereas public awareness, education, and understanding of biotechnology are essential to the responsible application of this technology;

Whereas biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, diseases of the heart and lungs, Alzheimer's disease, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (commonly

known as AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses that are critical to the agriculture of the United States;

Whereas biotechnology promises environmental benefits including protection of water quality, conservation of topsoil, improvement of waste management techniques, reduction of chemical pesticide usage, production of renewable energy, and cleaner manufacturing processes;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States as the global leader in research and development and international commerce; and

Whereas biotechnology will be an important catalyst for creating more high-skill jobs throughout the 21st century and will lead the way in reinvigorating rural economies: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that biotechnology has been responsible for
- 3 breakthroughs and achievements that have benefited peo-
- 4 ple for centuries and has contributed to increasing the
- 5 quality of life for the people of the United States.

