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H. RES. 368

Honoring the Small Business Administration on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 16, 2003

Mr. Manzullo (for himself, Ms. Velázquez, and Mr. Hinojosa) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

September 16, 2003

Committee on Small Business discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Small Business Administration on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

- Whereas the Nation's economy is built on and draws its strength from the creativity and entrepreneurship of its people;
- Whereas the Nation's 25 million small businesses employ more than half of all private sector employees, pay 44.5 percent of the total United States private payroll, and generate 60 to 80 percent of all net new jobs annually;
- Whereas the men and women who own and operate the Nation's small businesses make a vital contribution to the

Nation's prosperity through their ongoing work to create new technologies, products, and services;

- Whereas small businesses produce 13 to 14 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms, and these patents are twice as likely as large firm patents to be among the 1 percent most cited;
- Whereas the Small Business Administration was officially established in 1953 and for the past 50 years has played a vital role in ensuring that the door to the American Dream is truly open to all entrepreneurs;
- Whereas the mission and high calling of the Small Business Administration is to champion the interests of the Nation's entrepreneurs for the benefit of all Americans;
- Whereas the Small Business Administration is marking its 50th anniversary by celebrating the accomplishments of small-business owners across the country throughout the year; and
- Whereas the President has designated the week beginning on Monday, September 15, 2003, as "National Small Business Week": Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
 - 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
 - 3 Small Business Week, and the events surrounding
 - 4 the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Small
 - 5 Business Administration;
 - 6 (2) commends the Administrator and the em-
- 7 ployees of the Small Business Administration for
- 8 their work on behalf of the Nation's small busi-
- 9 nesses; and

1 (3) reaffirms that the Small Business Adminis-2 tration, through its loan, technical assistance, and 3 entrepreneurial development programs, plays an im-4 portant role in assisting small businesses to ensure 5 a brighter, stronger future for this Nation.

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