

H. Res. 394

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

November 4, 2003.

Whereas concrete is the world's most consumed man-made material and second only to water of all materials consumed;

Whereas production of concrete exceeded 3,500,000,000 cubic yards worldwide in 2002, more than a half cubic yard for every person on the planet;

Whereas production of concrete exceeded 500,000,000 cubic yards domestically in 2002, approximately two cubic yards for every person in the United States;

Whereas the ready mixed component alone of total concrete production in the United States in 2002 was enough to build a continuous road ten feet wide and four inches thick encircling the globe at the equator nearly 51 times;

Whereas concrete construction provided 2,000,000 jobs in the United States in 2002 during a time of economic recession;

Whereas the concrete industry provides employment to numerous skilled employees, including batchers, truck drivers, ironworkers, laborers, carpenters, finishers, equipment operators, and testing technicians, as well as professional engineers, architects, surveyors, and inspectors;

Whereas concrete was the predominant material of choice in a construction industry that built \$843,000,000,000 of construction in 2001, being used in virtually every construction project;

Whereas concrete has an estimated \$200,000,000 annual impact on Gross Domestic Product;

Whereas the concrete industry is a significant contributor to the economy of every Congressional district in the United States;

Whereas the many agencies of the Federal Government rely upon the American Concrete Institute, the technical society for the concrete industry, as a major standards developing organization for concrete design, construction, and repair;

Whereas the American Concrete Institute has, through its 18,000-member network of private and public sector volunteer citizens, developed and operated a review system that has provided concrete standards and guides for durable, safe, and uniform construction in the United States; and

Whereas the American Concrete Institute celebrates its 100th anniversary of service in advancing the technology of concrete for educational and scientific purposes in order to increase the knowledge and understanding of concrete materials and to support programs that improve concrete design and construction for the common good: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the American Concrete Institute—

(A) for 100 years of service to the people of the United States as the technical society for the concrete industry; and

(B) for the economic stability, quality of life, durability of infrastructure, and international competitiveness that the Institute has made possible to the United States; and

(2) encourages and supports the designation of an appropriate day as ACI Centennial Day in recognition of 100 years of service by the American Concrete Institute to the people of the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.