

H. Res. 395

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 28, 2003.

Whereas chemistry is at the core of every technology we enjoy today;

Whereas the power of the chemical sciences is what they create as a whole: an enabling infrastructure that delivers the foods, fuels, medicines, and materials that are the hallmarks of modern life;

Whereas the contributions of chemical scientists and engineers are central to technological progress and the health of many industries, including the chemical, pharmaceutical, electronics, agriculture, automobile, and aerospace sectors, and these contributions create new jobs, boost economic growth, and improve our health and standard of living;

Whereas the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, founded National Chemistry Week in 1987 to educate the public about the role of chemistry in society and to enhance students' appreciation of the chemical sciences;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is a community-based public awareness campaign conducted by more than 10,000 volunteers in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

Whereas National Chemistry Week volunteers from United States industry, government, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education reach and educate millions of children through hands-on science activities in local schools, libraries, and museums;

Whereas the theme of National Chemistry Week in 2003, “Earth’s Atmosphere and Beyond!”, was chosen to honor the 100th anniversary of Orville and Wilbur Wright’s flight from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

Whereas, in recognition of National Chemistry Week, volunteers all across the United States will teach children about air, the atmosphere, our solar system, and the uniqueness of planet Earth during the week beginning October 19, 2003: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes that the important contributions of chemical scientists and engineers to technological progress and the health of many industries have created new jobs, boosted economic growth, and improved the Nation’s health and standard of living;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week, as founded by the American Chemical Society; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Chemistry Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to dem-

onstrate the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives.

Attest:

Clerk.