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H. RES. 604

Establishing the Congressional Science Competition for conducting academic competitions in the sciences among high school students in Congressional districts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CULBERSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CARDOZA, Ms. LEE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. FARR, Mr. HALL, Mr. HOLT, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. HART, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. SERRANO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional
4 Science Competition Resolution of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Congress is increasingly involved in public
4 policy issues of a scientific and technical nature, and
5 recognizes the need to develop national expertise in
6 the areas of science and engineering.

7 (2) Global competition and rapid advances in
8 science and technology require a national workforce
9 that is increasingly more scientifically and tech-
10 nically proficient.

11 (3) Enrollment of United States students in
12 graduate science and engineering programs has not
13 kept pace with foreign student enrollment in these
14 programs.

15 (4) Pre-college science and mathematics edu-
16 cation is an important factor affecting the Nation's
17 scientific literacy and scientific awareness, as well as
18 the future supply of United States scientific and
19 technological personnel.

20 (5) Indicators of the performance of United
21 States students in pre-college science and math edu-
22 cation indicate a need for improvement, including
23 the need to increase student interest in science.

24 (6) Sanctioning a high school science competi-
25 tion would be an effective way for Congress to dem-
26 onstrate leadership in promoting scientific education

1 as a national priority, to show support for the proc-
2 ess of scientific inquiry, and to foster enthusiasm for
3 scientific education.

4 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
6 the Congressional Science Competition (hereafter referred
7 to as the “Competition”), under which an academic com-
8 petition in the sciences shall be held each year among high
9 school students in each Congressional district.

10 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Competition shall be carried
11 out in accordance with such regulations as may be pre-
12 scribed by the Committee on House Administration, in-
13 cluding regulations to ensure that the competition may be
14 administered on an academic year basis, except that each
15 year the Competition shall be based on a topic or theme
16 which reflects a scientific issue of importance to Congress
17 and which is designated by the Committee on Science not
18 later than September 15 of the year involved.

19 (c) USE OF OFFICIAL FUNDS AND FRANKING PER-
20 MITTED.—Any amounts expended by the office of a Mem-
21 ber of the House of Representatives in conducting the
22 Competition during a Congress, including amounts ex-
23 pended for mailings, shall be considered amounts ex-
24 pended in support of the Member’s official and representa-
25 tional duties during the Congress.

1 (d) ASSISTANCE OF OTHER PERSONS PERMITTED.—

2 For purposes of conducting the Competition, a Member
3 may work with and receive financial support from persons
4 who are not affiliated with the House of Representatives,
5 including institutions of higher education, private non-
6 profit organizations, or other business associations.

7 (e) MEMBER DEFINED.—In this resolution, the term
8 “Member” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner
9 to the Congress.

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