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H. RES. 431

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a Lifelong Learning Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

Mr. SWEENEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a Lifelong Learning Week.

Whereas the first week in September after Labor Day marks the beginning of the Lifelong Learning Semester;

Whereas participation in lifelong learning programs has increased tremendously since 1962;

Whereas there are over 300 Institutes for Learning in Retirement affiliated with colleges and universities across the country with over 100,000 members;

Whereas the international network or partnership of lifelong learning programs and organizations consists of 1,900 colleges, universities, conference centers, museums, and many other educational programs on a vast array of subjects;

Whereas lifelong learning programs encourage volunteer participation by members, which helps develop a real sense of community among other learners;

Whereas lifelong learning institutes have created community-building programs such as 52 Activities to Share with Your Grandchild as part of the Adopt a Grandchild program;

Whereas as over 76 million Baby Boomers prepare to reinvent retirement, the demand for education and volunteer opportunities in the community will increase greatly;

Whereas lifelong learning programs provide stimulating educational opportunities for seniors and their peers in the community; and

Whereas the establishment of the first full week in September as Lifelong Learning Week would recognize seniors, their teachers, and the institutions and programs involved with lifelong learning: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that there should be established a Lifelong
- 3 Learning Week.

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