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H. RES. 1692

Supporting the goals and ideals of the “International Day for the Eradication of Poverty”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FARR, and Ms. BORDALLO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the “International Day for the Eradication of Poverty”.

Whereas the World Bank estimates that about 1,400,000,000 people are living below the international poverty level of \$1.25 U.S. per day;

Whereas the Census Bureau found that 43,600,000 United States citizens are living in poverty, the highest number in 51 years of record keeping;

Whereas supplemental factors of poverty include hunger, malnutrition, lower levels of education, and disease;

Whereas the world’s poor are the most vulnerable to the impacts of financial crises, climate change, and natural disasters;

Whereas women comprise 70 percent of the world's poor and lack access to education, employment, and ownership of property and other assets;

Whereas a disparity exists between developing and developed countries and amongst low-income and high-income households, with more children dying in developing countries and low-income households;

Whereas the World Health Organization finds that poverty-related diseases are caused by the negative impacts of poverty, including poor nutrition, lack of proper sanitation and clean water, indoor air pollution, and low access to health care and education;

Whereas the United States should remain committed to providing aid and increasing awareness and education of world poverty; and

Whereas in 1992, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 17 as the "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" to recognize the struggle of people living in poverty around the world and provide an opportunity for the poor and their advocates to make their concerns known internationally: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the goals and ideals of the "International Day for the
- 3 Eradication of Poverty".

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