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Recognizing the necessity and urgency of job creation, extending unemployment assistance, expanding education and job training programs, and investing in improving and modifying the Nation's infrastructure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the necessity and urgency of job creation, extending unemployment assistance, expanding education and job training programs, and investing in improving and modifying the Nation's infrastructure.

Whereas, as of September, 2011, the average unemployment rate for the Nation is 9.1 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics;

Whereas, according to the same report, some populations are experiencing higher rates of unemployment, 16 percent for African-Americans and 11.3 percent for Hispanics, while others including Asian Americans are below the national average but still unacceptably high at 7.1 percent;

Whereas, according to a report by the Census Bureau entitled *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010*, 2.6 million Americans fell into poverty in 2010, which is 7,118 people falling into poverty each day during that year;

Whereas the Census Bureau revealed that a total of 46.2 million Americans lived in poverty in 2010, up from 43.6 million Americans living in poverty in 2009;

Whereas the rates of poverty vary by race and Hispanic origin, and in 2010, the poverty rate for White, non-Hispanics was 9.9 percent, for African-Americans, 27.4 percent, for Hispanics, 26.6 percent, and for Asians, 12.1 percent; and

Whereas, with 15.1 percent of Americans living in poverty and 9.1 percent of Americans unemployed, the focus of the Government should be on job creation, which will improve the Nation's economy and give people pathways to out of poverty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the necessity and urgency of job
3 creation and supports the passage of the American
4 Jobs Act;

5 (2) supports targeting Federal programs to
6 communities most in need, including the use of Pub-
7 lic Micro Data Areas (which are geographic areas
8 designated by the Census Bureau) to target the
9 communities with the highest unemployment rates
10 and highest poverty rates;

1 (3) supports the extension of the Emergency
2 Unemployment Compensation program and the Ex-
3 tended Benefits unemployment benefits programs;

4 (4) supports giving those people who have ex-
5 hausted their unemployment benefits an additional
6 14 weeks of benefits;

7 (5) encourages the restoration of the Tem-
8 porary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency
9 Contingency Fund;

10 (6) encourages the development and implemen-
11 tation of various corps similar to those implemented
12 through the Work Projects Administration, the Pub-
13 lic Land Corps, and the Civilian Conservation Corps,
14 aimed at the programs and services needed in com-
15 munities across the Nation, including health care
16 corps, public safety corps, community corps, and
17 teacher corps;

18 (7) encourages the expansion of the Workforce
19 Investment Act programs aimed at youth;

20 (8) supports the expansion of on-the-job train-
21 ing for unemployed workers, including those who are
22 long-term unemployed and those who have exhausted
23 their unemployment benefits, to refresh their job
24 skills and ease their re-entry into the workforce;

1 (9) supports the direct investment in education
2 at all levels, including pre-school, elementary, and
3 secondary education as well as higher education, in-
4 cluding the expansion of work study programs, after
5 school programs, and other programs aimed at im-
6 proving the education of all youth and young people
7 to maintain the Nation’s competitiveness in the glob-
8 al knowledge economy and to ensure that all stu-
9 dents, regardless of socioeconomic status, are able to
10 further their education and craft their future equally
11 and fairly; and

12 (10) supports the direct investment in the im-
13 provement and modernization of the Nation’s infra-
14 structure, including the rebuilding of bridges, roads,
15 schools, and other crumbling infrastructure across
16 the Nation.

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