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H. RES. 795

Supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign was started to commemorate the service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an 11-year special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered in the line of duty in 1985 while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign has been sponsored by the National Family Partnership and nationally recognized since 1988 to preserve Special Agent Camarena’s memory and further the cause for which he gave his life, and is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaching millions of young people each year during Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration, committed throughout its 39 years to aggressively targeting organi-

zations involved in the growing, manufacturing, and distribution of controlled substances, has been a steadfast partner in commemorating Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the governors and attorneys general of the States, the National Family Partnership, Parent Teacher Associations, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Young Marines, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States annually celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support;

Whereas drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the Nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for families in the United States;

Whereas drug abuse and alcohol abuse contribute to domestic violence and sexual assault and place the lives of children at risk;

Whereas although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics demand attention, with particular focus on synthetic drugs and prescription medications, the second-most-abused drug by young people in the United States;

Whereas the majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and the home medicine cabinet, the Drug Enforcement Administration will host a National Take Back Day on September 29, 2012, for the public to safely dispose of unused or expired prescrip-

tion medications that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse;

Whereas synthetic marijuana, also known as “K2” or “Spice,” has become especially popular, especially among teens and young adults, and in 2010 poison centers nationwide responded to about 6,960 calls related to synthetic marijuana; up from approximately 2,900 calls in 2010;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act was passed, which adds 26 synthetic drugs to the Controlled Substances Act and these drugs include those commonly found in products marketed as “K2” and “Spice”; and

Whereas parents, youth, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long celebration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon
3 Week;

4 (2) encourages children and teens to choose to
5 live drug-free lives; and

6 (3) encourages the people of the United States
7 to promote the creation of drug-free communities
8 and to participate in drug prevention activities to

- 1 show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free
- 2 lifestyles.

