

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 640

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2014

Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. YODER) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week”.

Whereas Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected, and renowned Americans who was deaf-blind;

Whereas the loss of both vision and hearing, one of the most severe of all disabilities, affects approximately 1.2 million people in the United States;

Whereas more than 34 million Americans have hearing loss;

Whereas approximately 21 million Americans have vision problems;

Whereas approximately 80 million Americans have potentially blinding eye diseases;

Whereas there are approximately 59,300 legally blind children in the United States;

Whereas today, people who are deaf-blind are attending college, participating in social activities, managing their everyday lives and actively engaged in their community through employment and civic activities;

Whereas it is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are deaf-blind, or who have severe vision and hearing loss, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, and achievement for other individuals who are deaf-blind;

Whereas in 1984, responding to the need for more awareness about the Deaf-Blind community, Congress passed a resolution marking the last week in June as Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes June 22–28, 2014, as Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week; and

Whereas the theme of the Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week of 2014 is “She’s Deaf-Blind and, with technology, she holds the world in her hands . . . just like her loved ones”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Helen Kel-
- 3 ler Deaf-Blind Awareness Week; and
- 4 (2) recognizes and honors people who are Deaf-
- 5 Blind and organizations in the United States, such
- 6 as the Helen Keller National Center, which continue

- 1 to promote the awareness and needs of the Deaf-
- 2 Blind Community.

