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H. RES. 763

Expressing support for designation of November 20 through November 26, 2014, as “End Child Slavery Week” to raise awareness of human rights abuses against children and to acknowledge the global fight against child slavery and child labor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of November 20 through November 26, 2014, as “End Child Slavery Week” to raise awareness of human rights abuses against children and to acknowledge the global fight against child slavery and child labor.

Whereas according to the International Labour Organization (ILO), child labor is “work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development”;

Whereas the term child labor refers to work that is mentally, physically, socially, or morally dangerous and harmful to children and interferes with their schooling;

Whereas the ILO estimates the global number of child laborers at 168,000,000;

Whereas the ILO estimates there are 85,000,000 children in hazardous work, which could include mining and quarry work, agriculture, manufacturing, and domestic work;

Whereas hazardous work is defined as work that directly endangers the health, safety, and moral development of children;

Whereas the ILO estimates the global number of children forced into labor or sexual exploitation at 6,000,000;

Whereas forced labor or sexual exploitation could include children chained to looms to weave carpets, kidnapped to fight in adult wars, mandated to leave school to pick cotton, or lured and sold to brothels;

Whereas the ILO estimates the number of children trapped in child labor since 2000 has fallen from 246,000,000 children to 168,000,000 children;

Whereas despite the decline by one-third of the global number of child laborers, that decline is not enough to achieve the goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labor by 2016; and

Whereas the United States agreed upon the goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labor by 2016, as one of the ILO member states: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) applauds the work done by individuals, or-
 3 ganizations, and governments committed to human
 4 rights and the well-being of children globally in de-

1 creasing the number of children trapped in child
2 labor by one-third since 2000;

3 (2) recognizes that challenges that remain to
4 eliminating the worst forms of child labor by 2016;

5 (3) urges the 183 member states of the Inter-
6 national Labour Organization (ILO) and worker's
7 and employer's organizations who agreed to the goal
8 of eliminating the worst forms of child labor by
9 2016 to continue with their strong efforts;

10 (4) encourages consumers to continue to make
11 their voices heard that corporations should work to
12 eliminate child labor and slavery from their supply
13 chains; and

14 (5) reaffirms the commitment of the United
15 States House to the goal of eliminating child slavery
16 and the worst forms of child labor by 2016.

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