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H. RES. 1134

Expressing support for the designation of September 22, 2020, to September 24, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” to honor the entrepreneurial spirit and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CROW, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SPANO, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SIRES, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CASE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mrs. FLETCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 22, 2020, to September 24, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” to honor the entrepreneurial spirit and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in the United States.

Whereas every year since 1963 every President of the United States has proclaimed a “National Small Business Week”;

Whereas the approximately 30,700,000 small businesses in the United States are the driving force behind the economy of the Nation, representing 99.9 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States;

Whereas small businesses employ 47.1 percent of the employees in the private sector in America and are responsible for creating nearly two-thirds of new jobs;

Whereas every congressional district in the United States contains a small business;

Whereas small businesses will play an integral role in rebuilding the economy of the Nation;

Whereas Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small businesses; to ensure that a fair proportion of the total purchases, contracts, and subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government are placed with small businesses; to make certain access to critical capital is made available to such small businesses; and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy;

Whereas the Small Business Administration has helped small businesses with access to critical lending opportunities, played a key role in ensuring full and open competition for government contracts, and improved the economic environment in which small business concerns compete; and

Whereas September 22, 2020, to September 24, 2020, would be an appropriate period to celebrate “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial

3 spirit and contributions of small businesses and en-

1 trepreneurs in every community in the United
2 States;

3 (2) applauds the efforts and achievements of
4 the owners of small businesses and their employees,
5 whose hard work and commitment to excellence have
6 made them a key part of the economic vitality of the
7 Nation;

8 (3) supports the designation of “National Small
9 Business Week”;

10 (4) recognizes the importance of ensuring that
11 policies which promote an environment in which
12 small businesses may succeed; and

13 (5) supports efforts to—

14 (A) encourage consumers to utilize small
15 businesses;

16 (B) increase awareness of the value of
17 small businesses and the impact they have on
18 rebuilding the economy of the United States;

19 (C) hold Federal agencies accountable for
20 meeting procurement goals for small businesses,
21 including the goals for small businesses owned
22 and controlled by service-disabled veterans,
23 small businesses owned and controlled by
24 women, HUBZone small businesses, and so-

1 cially and economically disadvantaged small
2 businesses;

3 (D) ensure guaranteed loans and
4 microloans for startup and growing small busi-
5 nesses are made available to all qualified small
6 businesses, including women, veterans, and so-
7 cially and economically disadvantaged small
8 businesses;

9 (E) provide small businesses the technical
10 assistance and counseling that they desperately
11 need;

12 (F) strengthen small business disaster as-
13 sistance through the Small Business Adminis-
14 tration to guarantee it is provided in a timely
15 and efficient manner;

16 (G) facilitate access to affordable
17 broadband service to foster rural small business
18 growth; and

19 (H) foster systems of intellectual property
20 protection for small business innovation.

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