

latchkey, summer camp, early childhood education, and other educational services;

Whereas Focus: HOPE, through an unprecedented cooperative agreement between the Departments of Defense, Commerce, Education, and Labor, established a national demonstration project, the Center for Advanced Technologies, which integrates hands-on manufacturing training and academic learning and educates advanced manufacturing engineers and technologists at internationally competitive levels;

Whereas Focus: HOPE partnered with 5 universities and 6 industry partners, formerly known as the Greenfield Coalition, to design a unique 21st century curriculum that resulted in students receiving associate's degrees in manufacturing technologies from Lawrence Technological University, or bachelor's degrees in engineering technology or manufacturing engineering from Wayne State University or the University of Detroit Mercy, respectively;

Whereas, due to the unique educational pedagogy at Focus: HOPE's Center for Advanced Technologies, the starting salary of its graduates is higher than the national average of graduates with the same degree from other universities;

Whereas Focus: HOPE has made outstanding contributions in increasing diversity within the traditionally homogenous science, math, engineering, and technology fields, 95 percent of currently enrolled degree candidates are African-American, and the Center for Advanced Technologies is one of the top programs in the United States for graduating minorities with bachelor's degrees in manufacturing engineering;

Whereas Focus: HOPE's unique partnership with the Department of Defense has resulted in several research and development projects, including a nationally recognized demonstration project, the Mobile Parts Hospital, whose Rapid Manufacturing System has been deployed to Kuwait in support of the Armed Forces' operations in Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq;

Whereas, in 1995, Focus: HOPE began a community arts program to present multicultural arts programming and gallery exhibitions designated to educate and encourage area residents, while fostering integration in a culturally diverse metropolitan community, and more than 70,000 people have viewed sponsored exhibits or participated in the program;

Whereas, in 1999, Focus: HOPE established an Informational Technologies Center to provide Detroit students with industry-certified training programs in network administration, network installation, and desktop and server administration, and has graduated nearly 800 students, and initiated, in collaboration with industry and academia, the design of a new bachelor's degree program to educate information management systems engineers;

Whereas, in 2006, the State of Michigan designated Focus: HOPE's campus and the surrounding community a "Cool Cities" neighborhood;

Whereas the Secretary of Labor presented Focus: HOPE with an Exemplary Public Interest Contribution Award in recognition of its success in opening employment opportunities for minorities and women;

Whereas the Village of Oakman Manor, a 55-unit senior citizen apartment building sponsored by the Presbyterian Village of Michigan in collaboration with Focus: HOPE, opened in 2006 near the Focus: HOPE campus as the first new construction in the area in more than 50 years;

Whereas Focus: HOPE's initiatives and programs have been nationally recognized for excellence and leadership by such entities as the Government Accountability Of-

fice, the Department of Labor, the International Standards Organization, the National Science Foundation, the Cisco Networking Academy Program, Fortune magazine, Forbes magazine, and the Aspen Institute;

Whereas former Presidents George H.W. Bush and William Jefferson Clinton have visited Focus: HOPE's campus;

Whereas Focus: HOPE's cofounder Eleanor M. Josaitis received honorary degrees from 13 outstanding universities and colleges, was named one of the 100 Most Influential Women in 2002 by Crain's Detroit Business, was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, received the Detroit NAACP Presidential Award, the Arab American Institute Foundation's Kahlil Gibran Spirit of Humanity Award, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Award for Distinguished Service and Leadership, and the Dr. Charles H. Wright Award for Excellence in Community Activism, the Caring Institute's National Caring Award, and the Clara Barton Ambassador Award from the American Red Cross, as well as many other awards;

Whereas, through generous partnerships with and the support of individuals from all walks of life, the Federal, State, and local governments, and foundations and corporations across the United States, the vision of Focus: HOPE will continue to grow and inspire;

Whereas Focus: HOPE has been fortunate enough to have an active board of directors and advisory board from the most senior levels of corporations and public entities in the United States and has benefitted from thousands of volunteers and supporters;

Whereas Focus: HOPE has been a tremendous force for good in the city of Detroit, the State of Michigan, and in the United States for the past 40 years;

Whereas Focus: HOPE continues to strive to eliminate racism, poverty, and injustice through the use of passion, persistence, and partnerships, and continues to seek improvements in its quality of service and program operations; and

Whereas Focus: HOPE and its colleagues will continue to identify ways in which it can lead Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States into the future with creative urban leadership initiatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates and salutes Focus: HOPE for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Focus: HOPE for appropriate display.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am joined by my colleague from Michigan, Senator STABENOW, in introducing a resolution today honoring the 40th anniversary of Focus: HOPE. This resolution was initiated in the House by Representative JOHN CONYERS and cosponsored by the entire Michigan Congressional delegation.

Focus: HOPE, a civil and human rights organization, was founded by the late Father William T. Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit riots in one of Detroit's most economically depressed areas. This outstanding organization has established itself as an integral part of the history and fabric of southeast Michigan. The mission of Focus: HOPE is "to use intelligent and practical action to fight racism, poverty

and injustice" and that mission is as important today as it was when the organization was founded in 1968.

Over the ensuing 40 years, Focus: HOPE has sought to effect positive change in southeast Michigan. I have been honored to witness and take part in the evolution of this fine organization. Education and job training has been at the core of these efforts. By bringing together businesses, foundations, government and individuals in the community, Focus: HOPE has truly made a difference in Detroit and across the state of Michigan and has grown into one of the largest nonprofits in the State. Focus: HOPE has sought to meet the needs of southeast Michigan in a comprehensive fashion through a number of highly successful programs, including the Machinist Training Institute, the Center for Advanced Technology, the Fast Track program, the Center for Children and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

Real and meaningful change comes from sustained and committed service. Over the past 40 years, Focus: HOPE has embodied this principle and, along the way, has touched many lives in Southeast Michigan in a profound way. Equipping individuals with the ability to compete and thrive in workplaces that are increasingly technologically advanced is central to its mission. The reward has been thousands of heartwarming success stories from those who have benefitted from the many services Focus: HOPE provides.

This momentous occasion will be marked by several celebrations, including one in the Mansfield Room of the Capitol later today. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating each individual that has contributed to the success of Focus: HOPE from its inception. I wish the organization many more years of successful and committed service to the community.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

SA 4656. Mr. KERRY submitted, under authority of the order of the Senate of May 2, 2008, an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4627 proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4657. Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted, under authority of the order of the Senate of May 2, 2008, an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4627 proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4659. Mr. BARRASSO submitted, under authority of the order of the Senate of May

