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H. RES. 119

Providing for the mandatory implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. YATES, Mr. OLVER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. TORRES, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WALSH, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. CAPPs, Mr. SHAYS, AND Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

RESOLUTION

Providing for the mandatory implementation of the Office Waste Recycling Program in the House of Representatives.

Whereas landfills throughout the Nation are filling up and the need for more efficient use of our resources grows stronger everyday;

Whereas the House of Representatives uses over 2,500 tons of recyclable paper products a year, yet only recycles a small portion of this waste;

Whereas the House of Representatives should set an example for the Nation by implementing a simple, efficient, cost-effective recycling program for all recyclable products;

Whereas the House of Representatives could save an enormous sum of money in hauling costs and landfill fees by increasing the percentage of its waste that is recycled;

Whereas the House of Representatives currently generates revenue by selling its paper products to haulers, and could significantly increase this amount with full participation by all House of Representatives offices; and

Whereas there are still problems with the collection and separation of the waste products from those offices who have chosen to participate in the Office Waste Recycling Program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT.**

3 Each Member and each employing authority of the
4 House of Representatives shall comply with the Office
5 Waste Recycling Program of the Office of the Architect
6 of the Capitol.

7 **SEC. 2. TRAINING.**

8 The Architect of the Capitol shall—

9 (1) ensure that all employees of the House of
10 Representatives whose responsibilities include custo-
11 dial duties are adequately trained in the implementa-
12 tion of the Office Waste Recycling Program; and

13 (2) require any contractor under a contract
14 with the House of Representatives for carrying out
15 the Office Waste Recycling Program to ensure that
16 all contractor personnel are adequately trained in

1 the implementation of the Office Waste Recycling
2 Program.

3 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

4 The Committee on House Oversight shall have au-
5 thority to prescribe regulations to carry out this Resolu-
6 tion.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

8 The Architect of the Capitol shall submit semiannu-
9 ally to the Committee on House Oversight a progress re-
10 port on compliance with the Office Waste Recycling Pro-
11 gram. The report shall include information on the imple-
12 mentation of the program and participation in the pro-
13 gram.

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