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2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 389

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids To Vote Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. FROST, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CARSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids
To Vote Day.

Whereas voting is a civic duty and critical to democracy;

Whereas voting participation rates in the United States for
all age groups have fallen dramatically since 1972;

Whereas voting participation rates are lower among young
voters;

Whereas only 32 percent of individuals in the range of 18 through 24 years of age voted in the last Presidential election;

Whereas large numbers of young people feel disconnected from government;

Whereas many younger adults report that they do not know how to vote;

Whereas, according to a 1996 study by the Bureau of the Census, children are far more likely to vote when they become adults if their parents voted;

Whereas parents should talk to their children about the importance of voting;

Whereas a number of businesses and organizations have designated November 7, 2000, as National Take Your Kids To Vote Day in order to encourage people to vote; and

Whereas many Americans will go to the polls on November 7, 2000, to elect a new President and a new Congress: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports the goals and ideas of National
4 Take Your Kids To Vote day;

5 (2) encourages all voting eligible parents with
6 children who are younger than 18 years of age to
7 talk to their children about the importance of voting
8 and, if possible, take their children to the polls; and

9 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
10 mation calling on the people of the United States to

- 1 conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-
- 2 grams to promote voting as a family tradition.

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