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# H. CON. RES. 120

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal government and the people of the United States should honor the spirit of volunteerism and personal growth promoted by the Congressional Award Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2007

Mr. AKIN (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. PASTOR, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. GRAVES, and Mrs. EMERSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal government and the people of the United States should honor the spirit of volunteerism and personal growth promoted by the Congressional Award Program.

Whereas Congress established the Congressional Award Program as a means to honor the successful enterprises of service and achievement in young Americans by promoting a sense of self-confidence and enhancing problem solving and teamwork skills;

Whereas President Jimmy Carter signed the Congressional Award Act (Public Law 96–114) into law in 1979, and legislation to continue the Program has been signed into law by succeeding Presidents, so that an ongoing public-private partnership to promote character and community

among young Americans from ages 14 to 24 has been established;

Whereas a generation of young American men and women have participated in the Congressional Award Program during the formative years of their lives, learning to set personally challenging goals that encourage a greater sense of self in relation to family and society;

Whereas the Program contributes to a greater America because participants engage in active volunteerism in support of charitable and cultural institutions in our Nation, seeing tangible evidence of the success resulting from their pursuit of engaged citizenship;

Whereas American youth of every race, class, and ethnic background have the right to participate in and are honored equally under the Program based on the merits of their pursuits, and are demonstrating the results of this empowerment by becoming leaders in institutions of higher learning, government, and commerce;

Whereas private enterprise and public officials have all been actively engaged in the support of the Program, providing inspiration and needed funding for its continuing success; and

Whereas the Program enhances the lives of thousands of young Americans who are involved in organizations that profit from their participation in the Program: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Fed-  
 3 eral government and the people of the United States

1 should honor the spirit of volunteerism and personal  
2 growth promoted by the Congressional Award Program.

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