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Expressing support for a National Telework Week to be established.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF (for himself and Mr. SARBANES) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for a National Telework Week to be established.

Whereas telework is a 21st century workplace practice by employers which gives employees the opportunity to work remotely and securely from any place, at any time;

Whereas studies have shown that the greatest barrier to overcome for employers in deciding to offer telework is limited understanding of its benefits;

Whereas employers who offer teleworking to their employees benefit through increased employee productivity, better worker retention, reduced costs for office space, and the opportunity to attract and retain top talent;

Whereas employees who are allowed to telework benefit from a better balance between work and everyday life, improved morale, and use of fewer sick days;

Whereas society benefits from telework through fewer vehicles on the road, commuter cost savings, and reduced traffic congestion, thereby cutting auto emissions and improving air quality;

Whereas, by reducing the number of drivers commuting to work, telework cuts gasoline consumption, thereby reducing America's dependence on foreign oil and lessening national and economic security risks;

Whereas employers that offer telework can ensure continuity of operations in response to natural disasters, health epidemics, or national emergencies.;

Whereas some employers express reluctance to offer telework as a workplace option because of the nature of a company's work, office coverage challenges, data security, supervisor resistance, and cost of equipment and information technology;

Whereas providing employers information about advancements in information technology, communications systems security, productivity measurement standards and examples of businesses that embrace telework can help allay employer concerns about telework; and

Whereas the key for employers to learn about and understand the benefits of telework is to permit employees to try it and test how it works: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) supports the establishment of a National
2 Telework Week; and

3 (2) supports the week being observed by em-
4 ployers allowing their employees, to the extent pos-
5 sible, to telework one day during National Telework
6 Week.

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