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Supporting the designation of Destination ImagiNation Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 14, 2008

Mr. Ross submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of Destination ImagiNation Week.

- Whereas the Board of Trustees of Destination ImagiNation has declared the week beginning on May 19, 2008 as Destination ImagiNation Week;
- Whereas the future of our national workforce depends on developing students with strong skills in creative and critical thinking, teamwork, time management, and problem solving;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation is a community-based, school-friendly program dedicated to promoting these critical life skills;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation gives children a place to learn how to apply their individual knowledge and skills

to solve challenges as they work cooperatively within a team, pushing the limits of their imaginations;

- Whereas the vision of Destination ImagiNation is to provide a positive and friendly environment for participants to explore their own unlimited creativity and to take creative risks in competition with themselves, rather than with others;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation was developed by parents, teachers, team managers (people who coach teams), appraisers (people who evaluate team solutions), regional directors, affiliate directors, and others who have the desire to help create the best possible, creative, problemsolving program for teams of up to 7 students;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation offers a wide range of challenges for participants including programs that focus on the performing and visual arts, geography, and writing;
- Whereas each challenge offers students the chance to develop group projects that rely upon creativity to make the subject matter come to life;
- Whereas this year marks the 25th anniversary of Destination ImagiNation's problem solving programs;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation has operated as a nonprofit volunteer driven organization providing some 5,000,000 students with the skills needed to be successful;
- Whereas Destination ImagiNation is the world's largest creativity, teamwork and problem solving program with approximately 250,000 participants and 35,000 volunteers from 50 States and over 40 countries;

- Whereas in approximately 150,000 students in the United States ages 4 to 20 will participate in Statewide competitions this spring; and
- Whereas 18,000 people from around the world will gather at the University of Tennessee to celebrate the Annual Global Finals Competition from May 21–24: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
 - 2 the designation of Destination ImagiNation Week.

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