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Expressing support for the designation of a 4-H National Youth Science Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDOZA (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HOLT, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ETHERIDGE, and Mr. MCNERNEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

RESOLUTION

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Whereas barely 18 percent of 12th grade students perform at or above the proficient level in science;

Whereas the need for science education, especially outside the classroom, is crucial to our country's ability to remain globally competitive;

Whereas today only 32.4 percent of undergraduates in the United States are leaving college with a bachelor's degree in science or engineering, compared to 63.3 percent in Japan, 62.1 percent in Germany, and 56.2 percent in China;

Whereas American businesses will face a competitive crisis with the advancing science- and technology-driven global economy unless they have a workforce that has been trained in scientific fields;

Whereas the future global economy will be driven by market sectors that are based in science, engineering, and technology;

Whereas current scientists and engineers are retiring in record numbers, creating a potentially large void of skilled workers;

Whereas 4–H and other out-of-school programs that focus on science, engineering and technology are an important part of educating and developing leaders who are well-trained and technically competent;

Whereas 4–H is preparing America’s future workforce by developing their passion for science, engineering, and technology at an early age;

Whereas 4–H’s educational programs have an unparalleled reach of more than 6,000,000 youth in all 50 States;

Whereas 4–H, in partnership with more than 106 land-grant universities, shape programs in the sciences that are important to today’s workforce and critical for managing the world’s resources for years to come;

Whereas youth, parents, teachers, schools, and youth organizations have the ability to participate in fun, accessible, science-related activities that encourage youth exploration and experimentation at an early age; and

Whereas October 8, 2008 would be an appropriate day to designate as 4–H National Youth Science Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of a
3 4–H National Youth Science Day;

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States
6 to observe 4–H National Youth Science Day;

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
8 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
9 activities; and

10 (4) encourages young people of all ages and
11 backgrounds to pursue science studies and enter into
12 science careers.

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