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H. RES. 616

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Phoenix House, the success and contributions of Phoenix House with respect to the treatment and prevention of substance abuse, and the significant role that Phoenix House has played in raising public awareness and formulating public policy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. WEINER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. HODES, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Phoenix House, the success and contributions of Phoenix House with respect to the treatment and prevention of substance abuse, and the significant role that Phoenix House has played in raising public awareness and formulating public policy.

Whereas Phoenix House is one of the largest substance abuse treatment providers in the United States, treating nearly 6,000 men, women, and adolescents each day at more than 100 programs in nine States, including New York, California, Texas, Florida, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine;

Whereas Phoenix House pioneered a drug-free approach to treat substance abuse and addiction, provided training for a generation of substance abuse counselors who staff programs throughout the United States, and conducted some of the earliest studies of the process and impact of substance abuse treatment;

Whereas Phoenix House established Phoenix Academies, which are residential high schools for adolescents in treatment for substance abuse;

Whereas the Department of Justice named Phoenix Academies a “model program” and the RAND Corporation found Phoenix Academies to be demonstrably effective and superior to other programs for adolescents in treatment for substance abuse;

Whereas during the past 40 years, Phoenix House has treated nearly 50,000 people for substance abuse at residential centers for adults; at Phoenix Academies; at outpatient, after-school, and lay programs; and at programs in prisons and homeless shelters;

Whereas Phoenix House has enabled hundreds of adolescents in the United States to complete their high school education, strengthened innumerable families, and provided a stabilizing influence in communities across much of the United States;

Whereas Phoenix House provides drug education and prevention programs through in-school and after-school programs, reaching more than 30,000 adolescents every year; and

Whereas Phoenix House is celebrating its 40th anniversary on October 16, 2007, and it is appropriate to focus public awareness on the efforts of Phoenix House to address the

critical problem of substance abuse in the United States:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
3 tives that—

4 (A) all people of the United States should
5 keep victims of substance abuse in their
6 thoughts and prayers; and

7 (B) all people of the United States should
8 seek to break the cycle of substance abuse, giv-
9 ing people who struggle with substance abuse
10 hope for a future free of addiction and an emo-
11 tionally and physically healthy future; and

12 (2) the House of Representatives—

13 (A) supports the goals and ideals of Phoe-
14 nix House; and

15 (B) commends Phoenix House for all of its
16 efforts on behalf of adults and adolescents
17 throughout the United States who are strug-
18 gling with addiction and substance abuse.

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