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H. RES. 739

Honoring Albert Arnold Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Winners of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Cooper submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

- Honoring Albert Arnold Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Winners of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Whereas Albert Arnold Gore, Jr., has been a student of the global climate change phenomenon for more than 40 years, dating back to undergraduate studies with Professor Roger Revelle;
- Whereas, in 1982, as a U.S. Congressman from Tennessee, Gore held the first Congressional hearings on global warming;
- Whereas Gore continued to lead the fight for responsible environmental policies as a U.S. Senator, writing the bestselling book Earth in the Balance;

- Whereas, in 1992, Gore was elected forty-fifth vice president of the United States, a position he used to bring new awareness to environmental protection, focusing on the reduction of fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Whereas, throughout the 1990s, Gore continued his environmental leadership as vice president, developing a youth education program and negotiating the Kyoto Protocol;
- Whereas, in recent years, Gore has renewed and strengthened his call for urgent action on global warming, launching an investment fund and touring the world to present his slide show;
- Whereas Gore participated in the film An Inconvenient Truth, which set box-office records, won numerous awards and accolades, including the 2006 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature, produced a best-selling companion book and generated new levels of public awareness about global warming;
- Whereas, in 2007, Gore has continued to pioneer initiatives to fight global warming, including the Virgin Earth Challenge and a series of Live Earth concerts around the world;
- Whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environmental Program in 1988 with a mission of understanding and assessing human-induced climate change;
- Whereas the IPCC is made up of thousands of scientists and officials from around the world, working in concert to gain new insights into global climate change, and is chaired by Rajendra Kumar Pachauri of India;

Whereas the IPCC develops the scientific consensus necessary for humankind to address the challenges set forth by this crisis; and

Whereas, on October 12, 2007, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize to Albert Arnold Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change,": Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the United States House of Rep-

2 resentatives hereby honors Albert Arnold Gore, Jr., and

3 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2007,

4 recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize, for their longstanding

5 leadership in confronting global climate change; the

6 United States House of Representatives affirms that

7 human-induced climate change is an urgent problem that

8 must be confronted by all people of the world; and the

9 United States House of Representatives accepts as its own

10 challenge and calls upon citizens of the United States to

11 find ways to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases that

12 contribute to changing of Earth's climate, the peace, secu-

3 rity and prosperity of this Nation and world demanding

14 it.