

H. Res. 751

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 22, 2007.

Whereas chemistry is a vitally important field of science and technology that has transformed the world and enhanced and improved the quality of life around the globe;

Whereas the power of the chemical sciences has created the enabling infrastructure that delivers the foods, fuels, medicines and materials that are the hallmarks of modern life;

Whereas the contributions of chemical scientists and engineers are central to technological progress and to the health of many industries, including the chemical, pharmaceutical, electronics, agricultural, automotive, and aerospace sectors, and these contributions boost economic growth, create new jobs, and improve our health and standard of living;

Whereas the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, founded National Chemistry Week in 1987 to educate the public, particularly school age children, about the important role of chemistry in society and to enhance the appreciation of the chemical sciences;

Whereas this year marks the 20th anniversary of National Chemistry Week;

Whereas the theme of National Chemistry Week in 2007, “The Many Faces of Chemistry”, was chosen to emphasize the extensive variety of careers available in the world of chemistry and to honor the tremendous diversity of people who have contributed and will contribute to the advancement of chemistry and all of its branches;

Whereas, in order to ensure our Nation’s global competitiveness, our schools must cultivate the finest scientists, engineers, and technicians from every background and neighborhood in our society to create the innovations of tomorrow that will keep our Nation strong;

Whereas a disproportionately low number of minority, underprivileged female students are pursuing careers in science and technology, and it is crucial that we focus attention on increasing the participation of these under represented groups in science and technology fields; and

Whereas, during the week of October 22, which is National Chemistry Week, more than 10,000 National Chemistry Week volunteers from industry, government and academia reach and educate millions of children through hands-on science activities in local schools, libraries, and museums: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes that the important contributions of chemical scientists and engineers to technological progress and the health of many industries have created new jobs, boosted economic growth, and improved the Nation’s health and standard of living;

(2) recognizes the need to increase the number of Americans from under represented groups participating in science and technology fields like chemistry;

(3) supports the goals of National Chemistry Week as founded by the American Chemical Society; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Chemistry Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives.

Attest:

Clerk.