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H. CON. RES. 126

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON (for herself, Mr. HARE, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. CLAY, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. WATT, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. RUSH, and Ms. WOOLSEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education.

Whereas the International Education Programs Services (IEPS) located in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Post Secondary Education, manages 14 international education programs;

Whereas the International Education Programs Service performs planning, policy development, and grant adminis-

tration functions for the international education programs;

Whereas the International Education and Foreign Language Studies domestic programs are designed to strengthen the capability and performance of American education in foreign languages and in area and international studies;

Whereas overseas programs are intended to improve secondary and postsecondary teaching and research concerning other cultures and languages, training of specialists, and the American public's general understanding of people of other countries;

Whereas 10 of the programs are authorized under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and 4 are authorized under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hays Act) of 1961;

Whereas Title VI was originally authorized as Title VI of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 as a response to launch of the Sputnik and the United States Government's recognition that a stronger and broader capacity in foreign language and area studies was needed;

Whereas Title VI was later incorporated in the Higher Education Act of 1965;

Whereas three programs that were included in the original 1958 legislation continue today as the National Resource Centers (NRC) program, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) program, and the International Research and Studies (IRS) program;

Whereas over time, additional programs have been added to Title VI to address the Nation's growing interest in international education; and

Whereas Title VI programs now address business needs for international expertise, strengthening undergraduate education, international as well as area studies, advancement of technology use, and overall improvement of foreign language training and assessment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Title VI
4 international education programs; and

5 (2) recognizes the need to continue development
6 and promotion of international educational pro-
7 grams.

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