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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PERRIELLO (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HARE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. FILNER, and Ms. TITUS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week, and for other purposes.

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services have far-reaching effects on the United States economy and the competitiveness of the United States in the world marketplace;

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services play a pivotal role in the health, safety, and quality of life of communities throughout the United States;

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the skill and dedication of

public works professionals, including engineers and administrators, representing State and local governments throughout the United States;

Whereas public works professionals design, build, operate, maintain, and protect the transportation systems, water supply infrastructure, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities that are vital to the citizens, communities, and commerce of the United States;

Whereas the Corps of Engineers, in partnership with public port authorities, provides navigational improvements that link United States producers and customers with national and international markets;

Whereas the public waterways, including locks and dams constructed, operated, and maintained by the Corps of Engineers, provide a safe, energy-efficient, and cost-effective means of transporting goods and services;

Whereas the Corps of Engineers, in partnership with local public entities, provides levees, reservoirs, and other structural and nonstructural flood damage reduction measures that protect millions of families, homes, and businesses;

Whereas a recent analysis of the state of the infrastructure of the United States garnered an overall grade of “D”;

Whereas every \$1 invested in public transportation generates as much as \$6 in economic returns to the economy of the United States;

Whereas the public transportation systems of the United States experienced record ridership levels in 2008, the last full year for which data is available, with 10,680,000,000 passenger trips taken;

Whereas, in the “2008 Conditions & Performance” report of the Department of Transportation, the Department confirms that investment in United States highway, bridge, and transit infrastructure has not kept up with growing demands;

Whereas, in the “2008 Conditions & Performance” report of the Department of Transportation, the Department found that an additional \$27,000,000,000 per year in capital investments is needed to sustain highway conditions and performance and an additional \$96,000,000,000 per year in capital investments is needed to make cost-effective highway improvements and eliminate the existing bridge maintenance backlog;

Whereas capital expenditures in highways, bridges, and public transportation from all levels of government and the private sector are over \$91,450,000,000 annually;

Whereas the capital asset program of the General Services Administration is authorized annually to provide Federal employees with necessary office space, courts of law, and other special purpose facilities;

Whereas, since 1972, the United States has invested more than \$300,000,000,000 in wastewater infrastructure facilities to establish a system that includes 16,000 publicly owned wastewater treatment plants, 100,000 major pumping stations, 600,000 miles of sanitary sewers, and 200,000 miles of storm sewers;

Whereas the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is charged with the safe and secure movement of almost 1,200,000 daily shipments of hazardous materials by all modes of transportation and oversees the safety and security of 2,300,000 miles of gas and haz-

ardous liquid pipelines, which account for 64 percent of the energy commodities consumed in the United States;

Whereas the National Railroad Passenger Corporation annually provides more than 27,100,000 people with intercity rail service;

Whereas the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission estimates that the total capital cost of reestablishing the national intercity passenger rail network by 2050 is approximately \$357,200,000,000 (or \$8,100,000,000 annually for the next 40 years);

Whereas 21 airfield projects have opened at 18 of the 35 busiest airports in the United States since fiscal year 2000, including 15 runways, 3 taxiways, one runway extension, one completed airfield reconfiguration, and one airfield reconfiguration that is two-thirds completed, and these airfield projects have provided the airports with the potential to accommodate 1,900,000 additional airfield operations each year and decrease average delay per operation by approximately 5 minutes;

Whereas 3 airports have airfield projects under construction, and an additional airport will begin construction this fiscal year, and these 4 airfield projects will provide the airports with the potential to accommodate an additional 110,900 airfield operations each year and decrease average delay per operation by approximately 1.5 minutes;

Whereas transparency and accountability information relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5) demonstrates successful implementation of highway, transit, and wastewater investments under the Act;

Whereas \$30,000,000,000, or 79 percent of the \$38,200,000,000 provided for highway, transit, and wastewater infrastructure formula programs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5), has been put out to bid on 14,063 projects as of December 31, 2009;

Whereas, across the United States, as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5) work has begun on 10,348 projects totaling \$22,800,000,000, or 60 percent of the total available for highway, transit, and wastewater infrastructure formula programs under the Act;

Whereas the 10,348 highway, transit, and wastewater infrastructure projects on which work has begun have created or sustained approximately 300,000 direct jobs as of December 31, 2009;

Whereas total employment from the 10,348 highway, transit, and wastewater infrastructure projects on which work has begun, which includes direct, indirect, and induced jobs, totals more than 938,000 jobs;

Whereas direct job creation from highway, transit, and wastewater infrastructure projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5) has resulted in payroll expenditures of \$1,500,000,000; and

Whereas public works professionals are observing National Public Works Week from May 16 through 22, 2010:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National

3 Public Works Week;

1 (2) recognizes and celebrates the 50th anniver-
2 sary of National Public Works Week; and

3 (3) urges citizens and communities throughout
4 the United States to join with representatives of the
5 Federal Government in activities and ceremonies
6 that are designed to pay tribute to the public works
7 professionals of the United States and to recognize
8 the substantial contributions that public works pro-
9 fessionals make to the United States.

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