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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BILBRAY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. INGLIS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MANZULLO, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. REYES, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MCNERNEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

RESOLUTION

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

Whereas engineers use their professional, scientific, and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs;

Whereas engineers have helped meet the major technological challenges of our time—from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters to designing an information super-highway that will speed our country into the future;

Whereas engineers are a crucial link in research, development, and demonstration and in transforming scientific discoveries into useful products, and we will look more than ever to engineers and their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the future;

Whereas engineers play a crucial role in developing the consensus engineering standards that permit modern economies and societies to exist;

Whereas the 2006 National Academy of Sciences report entitled “Rising Above the Gathering Storm” highlighted the worrisome trend that fewer students are now focusing on engineering in college at a time when increasing numbers of today’s 2,000,000 United States engineers are nearing retirement;

Whereas the National Society of Professional Engineers through National Engineers Week and other activities is raising public awareness of engineers’ significant, positive contributions to societal needs;

Whereas National Engineers Week activities at engineering schools and in other forums are encouraging our young math and science students to see themselves as possible future engineers and to realize the practical power of their knowledge;

Whereas National Engineers Week has grown into a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 major corporations and government agencies;

Whereas National Engineers Week is celebrated during the week of George Washington’s birthday to honor the contributions that our first President, a military engineer and land surveyor, made to engineering; and

Whereas February 15 to 21, 2009, has been designated by the President as National Engineers Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Engineers Week and its aims to increase understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers and to promote literacy in math and
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5 science; and
6 science; and

7 (2) will work with the engineering community
8 to make sure that the creativity and contribution of
9 that community can be expressed through research,
10 development, standardization, and innovation.

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