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H. RES. 1678

Recognizing the importance of “National Drug Facts Week”, beginning
November 8, 2010.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mrs. BONO MACK (for herself and Mr. DELAHUNT) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of “National Drug Facts Week”,
beginning November 8, 2010.

Whereas “National Drug Facts Week” is designed to be a
national awareness week to bring together teens and sci-
entific experts to discuss the facts about drug abuse and
addiction;

Whereas the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), in
collaboration with partners across the United States, will
launch the first annual “National Drug Facts Week” on
November 8, 2010;

Whereas partners in this effort include the White House Of-
fice of National Drug Control Policy, the Substance
Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the
Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools in the U.S. De-

partment of Education, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Guard, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, MTV, MusiCares, Vans, and the Discovery Channel;

Whereas the week encourages community-based question and answer events between teens and scientists, and can be sponsored by a broad array of interested organizations;

Whereas this week is an expansion of “Drug Facts Chat Day”, an annual effort launched by NIDA in 2007 to provide the opportunity for school-aged youth and teachers in classrooms across the United States to ask questions of the Nation’s leading experts in the field of drug abuse and addiction;

Whereas the National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicated that, in 2008, 7.6 percent of youth in the United States between 12 and 17 years of age met diagnostic criteria for abuse or dependence (addiction) to illegal drugs or alcohol;

Whereas in recent years, the Monitoring the Future Study has yielded generally encouraging news of declining past-month illicit drug use rates for school-aged youth;

Whereas declines in youth cigarette smoking, now at its lowest rate since the Monitoring the Future Survey began collecting data in 1975, will translate into fewer deaths associated with the myriad medical consequences of smoking;

Whereas while progress continues to be made, troubling trends still abound, including widespread abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications;

Whereas research clearly shows that as the perceived risks associated with drugs increases, the abuse of such drugs decreases;

Whereas youth often get information about drugs, drug abuse, and addiction from unreliable and inaccurate sources; and

Whereas “National Drug Facts Week” begins on November 8, 2010: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of “National
3 Drug Facts Week”; and

4 (2) urges communities across the Nation, in-
5 cluding schools, teachers, and students, to partici-
6 pate in activities comprising this week and using the
7 information provided to increase their understanding
8 of the science of drug abuse and addiction among
9 school-aged youth.

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