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H. RES. 781

Supporting the goals and ideals of Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. COBLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Down Syndrome
Awareness Month.

Whereas one in approximately every 800 babies born in the United States has Down syndrome and more than 350,000 people in the United States alone are living with this genetic condition;

Whereas Down syndrome affects people of all ages, races, and economic levels and is the most frequently occurring chromosomal abnormality;

Whereas the life expectancy of people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades—from age 25 in 1983 to 56 today;

Whereas advancements in education, research and advocacy have had a tremendous impact on the opportunities that

individuals with Down syndrome have to live healthy and fulfilling lives;

Whereas parents of babies with Down syndrome should receive the education and support they need to understand this condition and acquire new hope for the future of their children;

Whereas the Congress should work with Down syndrome advocacy and education organizations to increase the awareness of the American public as a whole to the true nature of this condition and dispel the stubborn myths about the degree to which it is disabling;

Whereas promoting the acceptance and inclusion of individuals born with this genetic condition will help them achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives; and

Whereas the National Association for Down Syndrome has designated October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Congress—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Down Syndrome Awareness Month; and

4 (2) should work with health care providers and
5 Down syndrome advocacy organizations to encourage
6 awareness and education regarding Down syndrome.

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