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S. RES. 638

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Small Business Development Center network.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BOND, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Small Business Development Center network.

Whereas the Small Business Development Center (referred to in this preamble as “SBDC”) network will celebrate its 30th anniversary at a conference to be held September 21 through 24, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas;

Whereas the conference will be held to continue the professional development of employees of SBDCs and to commemorate the educational and technical assistance offered by SBDCs to small businesses across the United States;

Whereas for 30 years, SBDCs have been among the pre-eminent organizations in the United States for providing

business advice, one-on-one counseling, and indepth training to small businesses;

Whereas, during the 30 years prior to the approval of this resolution, the SBDC network has grown from 9 fledgling centers to a nationwide network of 63 lead centers, with more than 4,000 business advisors providing services at over 1,000 service locations;

Whereas the SBDC network has worked for 30 years with the Small Business Administration, institutions of higher education, State governments, Congress, and others to significantly enhance the economic health and strength of small businesses in the United States;

Whereas SBDCs have assisted more than 20,000,000 small businesses throughout the 30 years prior to the approval of this resolution and continue to aid and support hundreds of thousands of small businesses annually;

Whereas 33 percent of all SBDC clients are minorities, 43 percent of all SBDC clients are women, and 9 percent of all SBDC clients are veterans;

Whereas, since the inception of SBDCs, SBDCs have continued to redefine and transform the services offered by SBDCs, including training and advising, and have taken on new missions, in order to ensure that small businesses have relevant and significant assistance in all economic conditions; and

Whereas Congress continues to support SBDCs and the role of SBDCs in assisting small businesses and building the economic success of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Small
2 Business Development Center network; and

3 (2) expresses appreciation for—

4 (A) the steadfast partnership between the
5 Small Business Development Center network
6 and the Small Business Administration; and

7 (B) the work of the Small Business Devel-
8 opment Center network in ensuring quality as-
9 sistance to small business and access for all to
10 the American Dream.

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