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S. RES. 656

Expressing support for the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the global economy of the future will require a workforce that is educated in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as “STEM”);

Whereas a new generation of American students educated in STEM is crucial to ensure continued economic growth;

Whereas advances in technology have resulted in significant improvements in the daily lives of the people of the United States;

Whereas scientific discoveries are critical to curing diseases, solving global challenges, and expanding our understanding of the world;

Whereas strengthening the interest of American students, particularly young women and underrepresented minorities, in STEM education is necessary to maintain the global competitiveness of the United States;

Whereas countries around the world have held science festivals that have brought together hundreds of thousands of visitors to celebrate science;

Whereas the inaugural 2009 San Diego Science Festival attracted more than 500,000 participants and inspired a national STEM effort;

Whereas the mission of the USA Science & Engineering Festival is to reinvigorate the interest of the young people of the United States in STEM by producing exciting and educational science and engineering gatherings; and

Whereas thousands of individuals from universities, museums and science centers, STEM professional societies, educational societies, government agencies and laboratories, community organizations, K-12 schools, volunteers, corporate and private sponsors, and nonprofit organizations have come together to organize the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival across the United States, including a 2-day exposition on the National Mall that will feature more than 1,500 hands-on activities and more than 75 stage shows: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses the support of the Senate for the
3 inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival to be
4 held in October 2010 in Washington, D.C.;

5 (2) commends the Nobel Laureates, institutions
6 of higher education, corporate sponsors, and all the

1 various organizations whose efforts will make the
2 USA Science & Engineering Festival possible; and
3 (3) encourages students and their families to
4 participate in the activities which will take place on
5 the National Mall and across the United States at
6 satellite locations as part of the inaugural USA
7 Science & Engineering Festival.

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