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H. RES. 668

Supporting the goals and ideals of the Community Development Block Grant program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2014

Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. TURNER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GIBSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Whereas the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a Federal program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides direct grants to States and local governments for the purposes of economic and community development;

Whereas the CDBG program was established under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

Whereas this grant program was signed into law by President Gerald R. Ford on August 22, 1974, and is among the longest running grant programs in our Nation's history;

Whereas this grant program assists more than 1,200 State and local governments each year;

Whereas this grant program allows grantees flexibility in tackling unique and complex challenges facing their communities;

Whereas the CDBG program has invested over \$145 billion in urban, suburban, and rural economies since its inception;

Whereas CDBG funding is used to leverage other funds from the private sector, non-profit organizations, and State and local governments;

Whereas every CDBG dollar invested in communities leverages, on average, \$4.07 in other funds;

Whereas between fiscal years 2005 and 2013 this program has created or retained approximately 330,500 jobs;

Whereas the CDBG program has funded public improvements benefitting States and local communities;

Whereas between fiscal years 2005 and 2013, the CDBG program provided public services to over 100 million people and assisted more than 1 million households;

Whereas the CDBG program has been used to assist communities in the aftermath of natural disasters and in the midst of economic crises; and

Whereas the CDBG program provides the largest amount of Federal assistance to State and local governments for development efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Com-
3 munity Development Block Grant program, now in
4 its 40th year of continuous service;

1 (2) recognizes the benefits the CDBG program
2 has provided to urban, suburban, and rural commu-
3 nities; and

4 (3) acknowledges the importance of this Fed-
5 eral grant program to States and local communities
6 throughout the United States.

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