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H. RES. 1169

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COHEN, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. BEYER, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CASE, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Whereas, on October 3, 1970, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (hereafter referred to as “NOAA”) was created to become a world-class science, environmental forecasting and ocean resource management agency with a reach that goes from the surface of the sun to the depths of the ocean floor;

Whereas in 2020, NOAA celebrates 50 years of continued dedication to its mission to—

- (1) understand and predict changes in weather, climate, oceans, and coasts;
- (2) to share that knowledge and information with others; and
- (3) to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources;

Whereas NOAA’s unique science mission benefits every American every day, including by keeping Americans safer and healthier and by contributing to the enhancement of the national economy; and

Whereas in the next 50 years, NOAA will advance innovative research and technology, answer critical scientific questions, explore the unexplored, inspire new approaches to conservation, and continue its proud legacy of science, service, and stewardship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that NOAA is a global leader in
3 earth and environmental science and technology to
4 help us better understand our planet;

5 (2) recognizes that NOAA is at the forefront of
6 terrestrial and space weather science and prediction,
7 providing the public with earlier and more accurate
8 forecasts, and supporting emergency managers with
9 impact-based decision support services so commu-
10 nities are informed and prepared for environmental
11 disasters;

1 (3) recognizes that NOAA forecasts and warn-
2 ings save lives, protect property, boost the U.S.
3 economy, and strengthen national security;

4 (4) recognizes that NOAA is leading the Na-
5 tion's efforts to make the United States of America
6 a Weather-Ready Nation;

7 (5) recognizes that NOAA is one of the Na-
8 tion's premier climate research agencies. From
9 supercomputers and state-of-the-art models to obser-
10 vations and outlooks, NOAA provides data, tools,
11 and information to understand and prepare for ex-
12 treme weather and climate variability;

13 (6) recognizes that NOAA is an ocean steward,
14 managing, conserving, and protecting marine living
15 resources and their habitats;

16 (7) recognizes that NOAA leads stewardship of
17 our ocean by ensuring the long-term sustainability of
18 our fisheries and by protecting vulnerable marine
19 species and their habitats;

20 (8) recognizes NOAA's work to support resil-
21 ient coasts; working waterfronts; maritime com-
22 merce; measurements of sea level change, accurate
23 water levels, and land elevations; and sustainable
24 aquaculture and fisheries to power the blue economy;

1 (9) recognizes the importance of NOAA’s work
2 to acquire and operate satellites, ships, aircraft, and
3 environmental monitoring systems to obtain, inte-
4 grate, and provide timely access to data for better
5 understanding of our world to ensure public safety,
6 support economic security, protect and conserve our
7 marine resources, and enhance our understanding of
8 the planet; and

9 (10) honors and celebrates NOAA’s workforce
10 and its continuing work to protect coastal and ma-
11 rine resources, forecast and respond to environ-
12 mental disasters, and connect the American public to
13 science.

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