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Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Forensic Science Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FULCHER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Forensic Science Week”.

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to the use of forensic science in the investigation of crimes, the prosecution and conviction of the correct perpetrators of crimes, and the exoneration of innocent individuals falsely accused of crimes in the United States;

Whereas forensic science service providers address critical criminal and civil questions in the United States, including by providing scientific conclusions relating to forensic evidence;

Whereas forensic science service providers partner with—

- (1) Federal agencies to build and maintain criminal databases relating to latent prints, DNA, and other information relevant to criminal cases; and

(2) Federal, State, and local agencies to ensure public safety;

Whereas forensic science service providers serve a vital role in the criminal justice system by providing scientific information to investigators and officers of the court; and

Whereas the third week in September is recognized as “National Forensic Science Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the House of Representatives
3 that “National Forensic Science Week” provides
4 a special opportunity for—

5 (A) forensic service providers to—

6 (i) recognize the contributions of forensic
7 scientists in the laboratories in
8 which those individuals work;

9 (ii) organize community events to encourage
10 a better understanding of forensic
11 science;

12 (iii) provide tours to Federal, State,
13 and local policymakers to assist those individuals
14 in gaining better insight into the
15 current capabilities of forensic service providers
16 and future demands that forensic
17 service providers will face; and

- 1 (iv) contact local media outlets and in-
2 vite those groups to cover events hosted
3 during “National Forensic Science Week”;
4 (B) local policymakers to—
5 (i) recognize, through formal com-
6 mendation or resolution, the contributions
7 of local forensic science laboratories to the
8 communities of those policymakers;
9 (ii) formally declare a “Forensic
10 Science Week” by proclamation;
11 (iii) visit local forensic science labora-
12 tories to gain an understanding of the ca-
13 pabilities and needs of those laboratories;
14 and
15 (iv) discuss the operational needs of
16 State and local forensic science labora-
17 tories;
18 (C) members of communities in the United
19 States, including members of the media, to—
20 (i) attend community events spon-
21 sored by local forensic science laboratories;
22 (ii) take tours of local forensic science
23 laboratories; and

1 (iii) ask local forensic science labora-
2 tories about the operational and legislative
3 needs of those laboratories;

4 (D) members of the media to highlight
5 local news stories that focus on the work of
6 local forensic science laboratories in the commu-
7 nities that those laboratories serve; and

8 (E) public safety officers, law enforcement
9 officers, and officers of the court to—

10 (i) attend community events spon-
11 sored by local forensic science laboratories;

12 (ii) take tours of local forensic science
13 laboratories;

14 (iii) discuss the operational needs of
15 State and local forensic laboratories; and

16 (iv) engage local forensic science lab-
17 oratories regarding working together more
18 effectively; and

19 (2) the House of Representatives supports the
20 goals and ideals of “National Forensic Science
21 Week”.

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