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H. RES. 246

Honoring the vital role of small business and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States during “National Small Business Week”, beginning on May 4, through May 8, 2015.

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Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. RUSH, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ESTY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. TIPTON, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. BLUM, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Ms. BONAMICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

RESOLUTION

Honoring the vital role of small business and the passion of entrepreneurs in the United States during “National Small Business Week”, beginning on May 4, through May 8, 2015.

Whereas this year marks the 52nd anniversary of “National Small Business Week” and has been endorsed by every President since 1963;

Whereas approximately 28,000,000 small businesses in the United States, comprising the leading force behind the United States economy, create nearly 7 out of every 10 new jobs and generate close to 50 percent of the Nation's nonfarm gross domestic product;

Whereas small firms account for 63 percent of the net new jobs created between 1993 and mid-2013, and 60 percent of the net new jobs created since the end of the recession;

Whereas 22,000,000 small businesses are nonemployer sole proprietorship firms;

Whereas 2,450,000 veterans are small business owners and account for 9.1 percent of all United States businesses;

Whereas the share of total businesses owned by women continues to increase, currently including over 7,800,000 small businesses;

Whereas small businesses employ 48.5 percent of the country's private sector workforce;

Whereas small businesses represent 37 percent of high-tech employment;

Whereas small businesses produce 16 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms;

Whereas small businesses represent 98 percent of all exporters and produce 33 percent of exported goods;

Whereas, on July 30, 1953, Congress created the Small Business Administration to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small businesses by working to preserve free and competitive enterprise, to ensure that a fair proportion of the total sales of government property are made to small businesses, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of the United States;

Whereas, for more than 50 years, the Small Business Administration has helped over 10,000,000 entrepreneurs reach the American dream of creating and maintaining a small business, and has played a key role in fostering local and national economic growth; and

Whereas the President has designated the week beginning on May 4, 2015, as “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the vital role of small business and
3 entrepreneurs in the United States during “National
4 Small Business Week”;

5 (2) supports the designation of “National Small
6 Business Week”;

7 (3) recognizes the important role of the Small
8 Business Administration as a valuable resource for
9 the United States entrepreneur;

10 (4) supports and encourages young entre-
11 preneurs to pursue their passions and create more
12 start-up businesses;

13 (5) recognizes the importance of creating poli-
14 cies that promote a business friendly environment
15 for small business owners free of unnecessary and
16 burdensome regulations and red tape;

17 (6) recognizes the National Small Business Per-
18 son of the Year and the National Lender of the
19 Year; and

1 (7) supports efforts to—

2 (A) encourage consumers to shop locally;

3 and

4 (B) increase awareness of the value of lo-

5 cally owned small businesses and the impact of

6 locally owned small business on the economy of

7 the United States.

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