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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION S. RES. 274 To express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay96.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 1996 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION To express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding
achievements of NetDay96. Whereas the children of the United States deserve the finest
preparation possible to face the demands of this Nation’s

changing information-based economy; Whereas on March 9, 1996, California’s NetDay96 succeeded

in bringing together more than 50,000 volunteers to in-
stall the wiring infrastructure necessary to connect class-
rooms, from kindergarten to the high school level (K–12),
to the Information Superhighway and bring them the

educational benefits of contemporary technology; Whereas California’s NetDay96 succeeded in wiring 3,500 K–12 schools efficiently and cost-effectively, while estab-

lishing and improving classroom information infrastruc-
ture;

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Whereas NetDay96 organizers created a World Wide Web
site (http://www.netday96.com/) with an on-line database
of all schools, where individuals with a shared interest in
upgrading technology in their schools can locate each
other and form communities with a lasting interest in

their schools; Whereas NetDay96 stresses educational opportunity for ev-
eryone by reaching out to rural and lower income commu-

nities to equalize access to current technology; Whereas the relationships formed on NetDay96 between
schools and their communities will last well beyond March 9, 1996, and other states are already planning to
organize future NetDay activities, for this October and

beyond, that build and expand upon the initial achieve- ments of the NetDay96 activities; Whereas NetDay96 has substantially increased the visibility
of educational technology issues; Whereas NetDay96 enables schools to move into the informa-

tion age through community and cyberspace-based action; Whereas students and schools benefit from significant NetDay96 corporate sponsorship, including MCI, Amer-

ica Online, Netscape, Netcom, Earthlink, who all agreed

to provide free Internet access to every K–12 school in California, AT&T, Pacific Bell, Sun Microsystems, and
hundreds of other companies, who contributed by spon-
soring individual schools, providing wiring kits, and help-

ing to design and test the networks; Whereas NetDay96 will help facilitate the placement of edu-
cational technology, such as computer hardware, soft- ware, Internet and technical services, and teaching aids

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and training material, in the hands of schools through NetDay96 activities nationwide; Whereas NetDay96 and future NetDay activities across America will save schools and taxpayers millions of dol-
lars in technology startup costs; Whereas President Clinton and Vice President Gore partici-

pated in California’s NetDay96 activities and support the
expansion of NetDay96 activities throughout the Nation
in an effort to increase the level of technology in this Na-
tion’s classrooms and to enhance the ability of children

to learn; and Whereas the Administration plans to work with NetDay96

organizers and corporate sponsors including Sun Micro-
systems, Cisco Systems, and BellSouth, to organize a na-
tional conference to allow States that are planning or
considering NetDay96 activities to learn from each oth-
ers’ experience: Now, therefore, be it
1 Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the organizers, coordinators, and volunteers
3 of NetDay96 throughout the Nation should be com-

4 mended for their actions;
5 (2) NetDay96’s success in California should be
6 used as a positive model in other States throughout

7 the Nation, this year and in future years;
8 (3) NetDay96 should be expanded nationwide

9 to assist students, parents, and schools across the
10 country, so that they may obtain the full benefits of

11 computer equipment and networks, strengthen their

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1 educations, and begin careers with more skills and
2 opportunities in order to help them compete more

3 successfully in the global economy;
4 (4) businesses, students, parents, educators,

5 and unions throughout the country should consider
6 organizing NetDay96 activities in their communities
7 to provide similar opportunities for their schools;
8 and

9 (5) the Senate affirms its support of
10 NetDay96’s commitment to have United States

11 classrooms fitted with the needed technological infra-
12 structure for the 21st century.
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