

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 279

To honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1998

Mr. BROWN of California (for himself and Mrs. MORELLA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

Whereas the Congress recognizes that the future of our Nation relies heavily on continued scientific discovery and technological innovation;

Whereas the Congress further recognizes that our Nation's success in the coming years will depend on science education that develops the ability of students to understand and apply the principles of science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by the Toshiba Corporation and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, was launched in

1992 to energize students with a desire to learn and increase their interest in the world of science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program asks students, working in teams of 3 or 4 with a teacher-advisor, to use imagination to envision a form of technology that could exist 20 years from now, and compete by sharing their visions through written descriptions and story boards;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program, recognizing the fact that the majority of today's scientific discovery and technological innovation is achieved through teamwork, encourages students to develop their ability to work together as a team to explore innovative scientific and technological visions of the future;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program exemplifies the principles expressed in the National Science Education Standards, including cooperative learning, the role of teachers as facilitators, and performance-based assessment;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program cuts across all science disciplines and relates the disciplines of language arts, mathematics, and art to science;

Whereas the ExploraVision Awards Program, reaching more than 18,000 students in 1997, has grown since its launch in 1992 to become the largest K–12 student science competition in the world; and

Whereas the Congress supports efforts to improve science education and recognizes that it is critical that the United States—through programs like the ExploraVision Awards Program—take a lead role in encouraging students to develop the kind of scientific and technological

thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3           (1) honors the ExploraVision Awards Program  
4       as an innovative national student science competition  
5       for its outstanding contribution to science education,  
6       and for providing students the opportunity to learn  
7       the excitement of scientific achievement, the value of  
8       teamwork, the joy of creativity, and a spirit of  
9       accomplishment;

10          (2) awards a certificate of appreciation to the  
11       Toshiba Corporation and the National Science  
12       Teachers Association for their dedication to the suc-  
13       cess of the ExploraVision Awards Program and for  
14       their endeavor in encouraging students to pursue ca-  
15       reers in science;

16          (3) authorizes and requests the President to  
17       issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the  
18       United States to support the goals of the  
19       ExploraVision Awards Program;

20          (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
21       atives to transmit copies of this resolution, for the  
22       purpose of promoting the understanding of the  
23       ExploraVision Awards Program among Federal and  
24       related agencies engaged in science education, to the

1 President and Vice President of the United States,  
2 to the Secretary of Education, to the Director of the  
3 Office of Science and Technology Policy, to the Di-  
4 rector of the National Science Foundation, to the  
5 Administrator of the National Aeronautics and  
6 Space Administration, to the President of the Na-  
7 tional Academy of Engineering, and to the President  
8 of the National Academy of Sciences; and

9 (5) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
10 atives to transmit copies of this resolution, for the  
11 purpose of encouraging more students to participate  
12 in the ExploraVision Awards Program, to the gov-  
13 ernor of each of the several States, the Common-  
14 wealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam,  
15 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the  
16 Northern Mariana Islands, and to the mayor of the  
17 District of Columbia, with a request that the gov-  
18 ernor or mayor transmit copies of this resolution to  
19 each school district in the governor's or mayor's  
20 jurisdiction.

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