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H. R. 1640

To establish computer learning centers in low-income areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. STOKES, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. FORD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. OWENS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. CARSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This act may be cited as the “Computer Learning
5 Center Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF FUND.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—A fund shall be established in
3 the Department of Commerce to provide grants to quali-
4 fied nonprofit organizations for the establishment of com-
5 puter learning centers in low income areas.

6 (b) USE OF FUND.—The fund established under sub-
7 section (a) shall be used to assist nonprofit organizations
8 in renovating vacant storefronts in low income areas.

9 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION.**

10 (a) FORM AND PROCEDURES.—An application for as-
11 sistance shall be submitted in such form and in accordance
12 with such procedures as established by the Secretary of
13 Commerce.

14 (b) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—To receive a grant
15 from the fund established under section 2, a nonprofit or-
16 ganization must certify that it has a secure commitment
17 from a private business partner to donate 50 up-to-date
18 computers for a proposed learning center.

19 (c) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—To the extent prac-
20 ticable, the Secretary shall make grants to organizations
21 in a manner which will equitably distribute such grants
22 among the various regions of the United States.

23 **SEC. 4. COMPUTER LEARNING CENTERS.**

24 The computer learning centers shall provide assist-
25 ance to residents of low-income areas by educating resi-

1 dents as to how to use computer equipment including word
2 processing and information gathering programs.

3 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to the fund
5 established in section 2, to remain available until ex-
6 pended, \$20,000,000 for the fiscal years 1997 and 1998.

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