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To express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding achievements
of NetDay.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding
achievements of NetDay.

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 in the year 1996, NetDay succeeded in bringing together more than 100,000 volunteers nationwide to install the wiring infrastructure necessary to connect classrooms, from kindergarten to the high school level (K–12), to the Information Superhighway and bring them the educational benefits of contemporary technology;

Whereas NetDay succeeded in wiring 25,000 K–12 schools nationwide efficiently and cost-effectively, while establishing and improving classroom information infrastructure;

Whereas NetDay organizers created a World Wide Web site (<http://www.netday96.com/>) with an on-line database of all public and private K–12 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 NetDay stresses educational opportunity for everyone by reaching out to rural and lower income communities to equalize access to current technology;

Whereas the relationships formed through NetDay activities and initiatives between schools and their communities will last well beyond 1996 into the 21st century, and other communities are already planning to organize future NetDay projects that build and expand upon the initial achievements of NetDay in 1996;

Whereas NetDay has substantially increased the visibility of educational technology issues;

Whereas NetDay enables K–12 schools to move into the information age through community and cyberspace-based action;

Whereas students and schools benefited from significant NetDay corporate sponsorship and donations from hundreds of companies and organizations throughout the nation who contributed by sponsoring individual schools, providing wiring kits, and helping to design and test the networks;

Whereas NetDay will help facilitate the placement of educational technology, such as computer hardware, software, Internet and technical services, and teaching aids and training material, in the hands of schools through NetDay activities nationwide; and

Whereas both past and future NetDay activities across America will save schools and taxpayers millions of dollars in technology startup costs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the organizers, coordinators, and volunteers
3 of NetDay throughout the United States should be
4 commended for their actions;

5 (2) NetDay’s success should be used as a posi-
6 tive model in other communities throughout the
7 United States, this year and in future years;

8 (3) NetDay activities should continue to expand
9 nationwide to assist students, parents, and schools
10 across the country, so that they may obtain the full
11 benefits of computer equipment and networks,
12 strengthen their educations, and begin careers with
13 more skills and opportunities in order to help them
14 compete more successfully in the global economy;

15 (4) businesses, students, parents, educators,
16 and unions throughout the country should consider
17 organizing NetDay activities in their communities to
18 provide similar opportunities for their schools; and

19 (5) the Senate affirms its support of NetDay’s
20 commitment to have classrooms of K–12 schools
21 fitted with the needed technological infrastructure
22 for the 21st century.

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