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H. RES. 552

Urging the House to support mentoring programs such as Saturday Academy at the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2000

Mr. WU (for himself, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. BAIRD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Urging the House to support mentoring programs such as Saturday Academy at the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology.

Whereas exceptional opportunities should be provided for students in grades 4 through 12 to learn from accomplished professionals through hands-on, practical, and intellectual learning experiences;

Whereas workshops, internships, and laboratories are offered during and after-school hours, weekends, and summers;

Whereas Saturday Academy links universities, private companies and their resources, staff, laboratories, classrooms, and equipment with students to provide the opportunity to use real tools to solve real life problems;

Whereas opportunities provided by programs such as Saturday Academy bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world;

Whereas students from low-income families and groups underrepresented in science and engineering are actively recruited and supported by Saturday Academy;

Whereas nearly 99,000 students since 1983 have received Saturday Academy instruction in rural, urban, and suburban areas;

Whereas Saturday Academy received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring by the President in 1996;

Whereas the 1995 Third International Mathematics and Science Study found that in the final year of secondary school, the performance of the United States was among the lowest in both science and mathematics;

Whereas, the United States is facing a shortage of qualified professionals in science, technology, and engineering; and

Whereas Saturday Academy places special emphasis on science, mathematics, and technology: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 and encourages programs such as Saturday Academy to
- 3 help students enter mathematics, science, and engineering
- 4 fields.

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