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H. CON. RES. 397

Supporting National Tourism Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2002

Mr. FOLEY (for himself and Mr. FARR of California) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting National Tourism Week.

Whereas travel and tourism has a major impact on the economy of the United States as the third-largest retail sales industry in the Nation;

Whereas 1 out of every 7 people employed in the United States civilian labor force is employed in the travel and tourism industry;

Whereas international travel to the United States is the largest service export, having generated a trade surplus for 13 consecutive years;

Whereas domestic and international travel generated an estimated \$545 billion in expenditures in 2001, supporting more than 7.8 million jobs, and creating more than \$94.4

billion in tax revenue for Federal, State, and local governments;

Whereas the slowing of the United States economy and the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have had a tremendous negative effect on the tourism industry;

Whereas according to the Travel Industry Association, the travel and tourism industry could suffer as much as a \$43 billion decrease in spending from domestic and international travelers due to the September 11, 2001, attacks;

Whereas the Department of Commerce has issued preliminary figures indicating that international travel to the United States decreased 11 percent between 2000 and 2001, resulting in a 45-percent decrease in the travel trade surplus (from \$14 billion to \$7.7 billion), and that it may take 3 years for international travel to return to the 2000 level;

Whereas decreased spending in 2001 caused the travel and tourism industry to lose an estimated 600,000 jobs, and resulted in an estimated 3-percent decrease in tax revenues from the industry;

Whereas National Tourism Week was established by Congress in 1983, and first celebrated in May 1984, when President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential proclamation urging citizens to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Whereas since 1984, National Tourism Week has been celebrated each May by the Travel Industry Association of America, as well as many States, cities, and other travel industry associations; and

Whereas May 4 to 12, 2002, is National Tourism Week:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*

2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports National Tourism Week; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-

5 mation calling upon the people of the United States

6 and interested groups to observe National Tourism

7 Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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