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Supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. REYES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign was established to commemorate the service of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an 11-year special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered in the line of duty in 1985 while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign has been nationally recognized since 1988 to preserve Special Agent Camarena’s memory and further the cause for which he gave his life, and is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaching millions of young people each year during Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the Governors and Attorneys General of the States, the National Family Partnership, Parent Teacher Associations, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and more than 100 other organizations throughout the United States annually celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support;

Whereas drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the Nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for our families;

Whereas drug and alcohol abuse contribute to domestic violence and sexual assault, and place the lives of children at risk;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics such as the abuse of prescription medication—the second most abused drug by youth, methamphetamine, and inhalants demand attention;

Whereas drug dealers are specifically targeting children by marketing illicit drugs that mimic the appearance and names of well known brand-name candies and foods; and

Whereas parents, youths, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and dis-

playing red ribbons during this week-long celebration:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon
3 Week;

4 (2) encourages children and teens to choose to
5 live drug-free lives; and

6 (3) encourages the people of the United States
7 to promote the creation of drug-free communities
8 and to participate in drug prevention activities to
9 show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free
10 lifestyles.

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