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H. RES. 634

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MFUME, Ms. CHU, Mr. CROW, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. HAGEDORN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CASE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. MANN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KELLER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. BACON, Mr. CARL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

Whereas a “National Small Business Week” has been declared by every President since 1963;

Whereas there are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States that support nearly 60 million jobs;

Whereas every congressional district in the United States contains a small business;

Whereas thousands of small business establishments have been particularly hard hit by the COVID–19 pandemic;

Whereas small businesses will play an integral role in rebuilding the economy of the Nation;

Whereas Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect interests of small business to ensure that a fair proportion of total purchases, contracts, and subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government are placed with small businesses, to make certain access to critical capital is made available to such small businesses, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy;

Whereas the Small Business Administration has helped small businesses with access to critical lending opportunities, played a key role in ensuring full and open competition for government contracts, and improved the economic environment in which small businesses compete; and

Whereas September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, would be an appropriate week to celebrate “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial
3 spirit and contributions of small businesses in every
4 community in the United States;

1 (2) applauds the efforts and achievements of
2 the owners of small businesses and their employees
3 in every community in the community of the United
4 States;

5 (3) recognizes that in the face of significant
6 challenges, the owners of small businesses have dem-
7 onstrated incredible resilience over the past 18
8 months;

9 (4) understands that the Small Business Ad-
10 ministration can help small business recover and
11 build back from the global pandemic;

12 (5) supports the designation of “National Small
13 Business Week”; and

14 (6) supports efforts to—

15 (A) encourage consumers to utilize small
16 businesses;

17 (B) increase awareness of the value of
18 small businesses and the impact they have on
19 rebuilding the economy of the United States;

20 (C) hold Federal agencies accountable for
21 meeting procurement goals for small businesses,
22 including the goals for small businesses owned
23 and controlled by service-disabled veterans,
24 small businesses owned and controlled by
25 women, HUBZone small businesses, and so-

1 cially and economically disadvantaged small
2 businesses;

3 (D) ensure guaranteed loans and
4 microloans for startup and growing small busi-
5 nesses are made available to all qualified small
6 businesses, including women, veterans, and so-
7 cially and economically disadvantaged small
8 businesses;

9 (E) provide small businesses the technical
10 assistance and counseling that they desperately
11 need;

12 (F) strengthen small business disaster as-
13 sistance through the Small Business Adminis-
14 tration to guarantee it is provided in a timely
15 and efficient manner;

16 (G) facilitate access to affordable
17 broadband service to foster rural small business
18 growth; and

19 (H) foster systems of intellectual property
20 protection for small business innovation.

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