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Supporting National Civility Week, Inc. in its efforts to restore civility, honesty, integrity, and respectful consideration in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting National Civility Week, Inc. in its efforts to restore civility, honesty, integrity, and respectful consideration in the United States.

Whereas our civilization is founded upon the values of honesty, courtesy, and respectful consideration among its citizens;

Whereas we seek to teach and reaffirm these fundamental values of civility;

Whereas a lack of civility in recent years has become frighteningly apparent, as seen in media tales of road rage and school violence, of personal deceit and public corruption;

Whereas common courtesy has become bewilderingly uncommon;

Whereas a large part of many Americans' behavior can be traced to a failure to honor the codes of civil conduct that have governed society for many generations;

Whereas the teaching of courtesy has declined while the celebration of vulgarity and effrontery has increased;

Whereas many Americans have ceased to honor the good examples that surround them;

Whereas in this context, too many people find it easy to manifest disrespect for other age groups, races, and religions;

Whereas National Civility Week, Inc. is a nonpartisan and nonprofit corporation devoted to reintroducing civility in our Nation;

Whereas National Civility Week, Inc. has encouraged the establishment of Civility Weeks in a number of states in an effort to reaffirm society's commitment to adhere to well-established rules of civil conduct;

Whereas National Civility Week, Inc. will honor those who practice common decency and simple honesty; and

Whereas National Civility Week, Inc. will draw attention to the behaviors and standards that we respect as a people, and will celebrate the conduct that ties together the threads of our social fabric: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 these efforts to restore civility, honesty, integrity, and re-
- 3 spectful consideration in the United States.

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