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H. RES. 46

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2005

Mr. OSBORNE (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. KELLER, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring
Month.

Whereas mentors serve as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to youth in need;

Whereas mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that matches a caring, responsible adult with a child to provide guidance and build confidence, stability, and direction for that child;

Whereas research has shown that mentoring has a definitive impact on young people by increasing attendance at school, improving rates of high-school graduation and college attendance, and decreasing involvement with drugs, alcohol, and violent behaviors;

Whereas there are over 17.6 million children in this country who need or want a mentor, yet just 2.5 million young people are in mentoring relationships, leaving a “mentoring gap” of 15.1 million young people;

Whereas the establishment of a National Mentoring Month would emphasize the importance of mentoring and recognize with praise and gratitude the many Americans already involved in mentoring;

Whereas a month-long celebration of mentoring would encourage more organizations—such as schools, businesses, faith communities—and individuals to get involved in mentoring; and

Whereas the celebration of said month would, above all, encourage more individuals to volunteer as mentors, helping close our Nation’s mentoring gap: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Mentoring Month;

4 (2) praises the millions of caring adults who
5 have already committed their time and energy to
6 mentor a child; and

7 (3) supports efforts to recruit more mentors in
8 the United States.

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