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Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. REYES, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. SESTAK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. CONAWAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Whereas in October 1957, the Soviet Union ushered in a new dimension to the Cold War with the United States when it successfully launched Sputnik I, the world's first artificial satellite, into space;

Whereas the threat of Soviet technological superiority and space domination could not be tolerated amid the growing tensions and developing arms race between the two superpowers;

Whereas on February 7, 1958, in response to the launch of Sputnik I, the Department of Defense established the Advanced Research Projects Agency to serve under the

Secretary of Defense as the specialized technical engine for the United States military;

Whereas on March 23, 1972, the name of the agency was changed to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) by a Department of Defense directive;

Whereas for over 50 years, DARPA has developed significant cutting edge technology that elevates the United States to the forefront of innovation and propelled the United States military to be the most technologically superior fighting force in the world;

Whereas DARPA's radical achievements in innovation for our national defense led to the development of the Internet, stealth aircraft technology, ballistic missile defense, unmanned aerial vehicles, and autonomous navigation;

Whereas DARPA's modern-day programs are developing real-time accurate language translation, prosthetics that can be controlled by the brain, and alternative energy to eliminate dependencies on foreign sources of oil;

Whereas the unique business model of limiting terms of project managers to 4 to 6 years optimizes the flow of new ideas by empowering experts to take risks, think outside the box, and advance groundbreaking research projects;

Whereas to address the needs of the military, DARPA's senior leadership conducts regular expeditions to military bases, command centers, and training centers to talk directly to those fighting the war to solve everyday challenges; and

Whereas February 7, 2008, marks the 50th anniversary of DARPA's expert and one-of-a-kind ingenuity that transformed our military strength: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the 50th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Re-
3 search Projects Agency and commends the organization
4 for its valuable contributions to the United States.

