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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 548

Acknowledging the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) as a driving factor in the world economy and the contributions of scientist-inventors across all disciplines.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Ms. CASTOR of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) as a driving factor in the world economy and the contributions of scientist-inventors across all disciplines.

Whereas the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), founded at the University of South Florida (USF) assisted in awarding hundreds of successful patents for universities around the world;

Whereas the NAI promotes the disclosure of intellectual property;

Whereas there are more than 500 members in the NAI to date, which every member of the NAI belongs to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the issuance of a patent;

Whereas the NAI has proven to be a power behind USF's research development with an economic impact on the Tampa Bay, Florida, community;

Whereas the NAI organizes annual conferences in order to be a forum to promote innovative thinking, support, and improve the development and utilization of inventions, and provide advice and guidance to new and existing inventors in their efforts;

Whereas innovation based on new inventions and technologies has proven to be a key factor in global industrial and economic development;

Whereas the support, encouragement, and development of technology and innovation are fundamental to the success of a university, nonprofit research organization or Federal research institute;

Whereas the NAI respects inventors in the United States for greater United States competitiveness in global markets for products and systems and for other purposes; and

Whereas the NAI has patented academic property deriving from universities into a vital role in the international market: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2            (1) acknowledges the National Academy of In-  
3        ventors (NAI) as a driving factor in the world econ-  
4        omy and the contributions of scientist-inventors  
5        across all disciplines;

6            (2) expresses endearing support for university  
7        technological developments, promoting entrepreneur-

1 ship and, support for university innovations in local  
2 communities; and

3 (3) recognizes the importance of inventions,  
4 patents, and copyrights as part of maintaining  
5 United States leadership in the world and a competi-  
6 tive global economy.

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