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# S. RES. 608

Supporting the establishment of a President's Youth Council.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2012

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the establishment of a President's Youth Council.

Whereas the unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young people who have participated in a public policy-related program, outreach initiative, internship, fellowship, or congressionally sponsored youth advisory council, are essential to ensure that investments made by the Federal Government in youth services are effective and efficient;

Whereas existing outreach and engagement mechanisms of the Federal Government are often designed in ways that inhibit participation by, and lead to the under-representation of, young people in the policy-making process; and

Whereas numerous Members of Congress, Governors, State legislatures, mayors, and city councils have created youth

councils that have proven to be an effective means of receiving input from young people, which leads to more effective and efficient investments in youth services: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) supports the establishment with private funds of a President's Youth Council to—

(A) advise the President and the executive branch on the perspectives of young people;

(B) suggest ways to make investments by the Federal Government in youth services more effective and efficient; and

(C) provide recommendations on issues that will affect the long-term future of the United States;

(2) recommends that the members of the President's Youth Council be young people who—

(A) are appointed by the President, the majority leader and minority leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(B) are between 16 and 24 years of age;

(C) have participated in a public policy-related program, outreach initiative, internship, fellowship, or congressionally sponsored youth advisory council;

(D) can constructively contribute to policy deliberations;

(E) can conduct outreach to solicit the views and perspectives of peers; and

(F) have backgrounds that reflect the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of the United States; and

(3) recommends that the President's Youth Council as a whole undertake activities to solicit the unique views and perspectives of young people and bring those views and perspectives to the attention of Congress and the head of each department or agency of the Federal Government.

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