

**SUSPEND THE RULES AND AGREE TO THE RESOLUTION, H.RES.
699 WITH AMENDMENT**

(THE AMENDMENT CONSISTS OF A NEW PREAMBLE)

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 699

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the implementation of entrepreneurship education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education through the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HOLT, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. MCINTYRE, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the implementation of entrepreneurship education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education through the United States.

Whereas, according to the Department of Labor, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses, which have been expanding and advancing technology and fueling the recent growth in the economy;

Whereas economically independent entrepreneurs are engaged citizens who work to improve the economic environment in their local communities, providing better opportunities for businesses to operate and a better environment for the human resources they need to advance their business dreams;

Whereas 70% of high school students want to become entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurial skills will assist students in the future regardless of whether they work in a business owned by others or run their own business;

Whereas the high interest of students in becoming entrepreneurs and the critical role entrepreneurs have played in advancing the national economy make it vital for the Nation's schools to provide students with training in the skills which will enable them to become the entrepreneurs of the future;

Whereas entrepreneurship education has been shown to be especially effective in closing the achievement gap between minority students and others in public schools;

Whereas students who participate in entrepreneurship education programs have better attendance records, perform better on core subjects, and have lower dropout rates than those who do not participate in these programs;

Whereas successful programs in entrepreneurship education have been established in many States, and these pro-

grams have helped students acquire the knowledge and skills needed for success in the global economy;

Whereas, through the initiative to annually observe National Entrepreneurship Week, entrepreneurial organizations promote awareness of the contributions of entrepreneurs as innovators, positive forces in the economy, and important resources for improving communities as places to live and work; and

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week will focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) encourages the implementation of entrepre-
3 neurship education throughout the United States;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of National
5 Entrepreneurship Week so that the people of the
6 United States are reminded of the contributions of
7 entrepreneurs and so that educators are encouraged
8 to reflect on how entrepreneurship education can im-
9 prove the performance of their students; and

10 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
11 mation calling on the Federal Government, State
12 and Local governments, schools, nonprofit organiza-
13 tion, and others to observe National Entrepreneur-
14 ship Week annually with special events in support of

1 entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship education pro-
2 grams.