

2008 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

PROCLAMATION

HR 1390 Resolution

Whereas the need for science education, especially outside the classroom, is crucial to our country's ability to remain globally competitive;

Whereas 4-H and other out-of-school programs that focus on science, engineering, and technology are an important part of educating and developing leaders who are well-trained and technically competent;

Whereas American businesses will continue to need a well-qualified, scientifically-trained workforce to drive science, engineering, and technology advancements on a global scale;

Whereas the future global economy will be driven by such market sectors that are based in science, engineering, and technology;

Whereas 4-H, in response to the National Academies of Science *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* report, is preparing America's future workforce by developing youth's passion for science, engineering, and technology at an early age;

Whereas 4-H's educational programs have an unparalleled reach of nearly 6 million youth in all 50 States;

Whereas 4-H, in partnership with 106 Land-Grant Universities, shapes programs in the sciences that are important to the current and future workforce and critical for managing the world's resources for years to come;

Whereas kids, parents, teachers, schools, and youth organizations have the ability to participate in fun, accessible, science-related activities that encourage youth exploration and experimentation at an early age;

Now therefore, the House of Representatives, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2008, as

National Youth Science Day