

September 25, 2008 - House Recognizes 4-H NYSD

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE OCTOBER 8, 2008 AS 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

Passage of H.Res. 1390 Recognizes 4-H Leadership in Providing Quality, Hands-on Science Education Programs

Chevy Chase, Md. (September 25, 2008)—4-H is celebrating an important milestone this week with the official passage of H.Res. 1390, a Congressional resolution that officially designates October 8, 2008 as 4-H National Youth Science Day (4-H NYSD). The resolution, as introduced by Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA) and co-sponsored by 35 Members of Congress from 22 states and territories, was passed by the 110th House of Representatives on Monday, September 22, 2008.

In addition to recognizing October 8th as 4-H NYSD, H.Res. 1390 requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe 4-H NYSD. The resolution confirms the importance of encouraging youth of all ages and backgrounds to explore science, engineering and technology programs and as well as other similar opportunities that could ultimately leads to a life-long passion for these fields.

“The passage of the resolution is a true validation of 4-H’s efforts on this issue,” said Donald T. Floyd, Jr., CEO and president of the National 4-H Council. “We thank Congressman Cardoza and the other members of Congress for their hard work and tremendous efforts in recognizing not only the significance of this day but also the positive impact that it could have on millions of youth nationwide.”

Several Members of Congress appeared on the House floor to voice their support of 4-H and 4-H National Youth Science Day. Remarks were delivered by Rep. Cardoza, Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD), and Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX).

4-H NYSD was created to directly support 4-H’s new public service campaign, “One Million New Scientists. One Million New Ideas.™” The campaign champions the organization’s goal of attracting one million new youth to 4-H science, engineering, and technology programs by the year 2013. 4-H’s existing science curriculum reaches nearly 6 million young people, arming them with the technical skills needed to help America maintain its competitive edge in the global marketplace. For more information on 4-H National Youth Science Day, go to www.4-H.org.

About 4-H

4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of 4-H Headquarters located at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). 4-H programs are implemented by the 106 Land Grant Universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local extension offices across the country. Learn more about 4-H at www.4-H.org

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