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Designating the week beginning November 14, 1993, and the week beginning November 13, 1994, each as "Geography Awareness Week".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE (for himself and Mr. GOODLING) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

RESOLUTION

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Whereas geography is the study of people and their planet, offering a framework for understanding ourselves, our interdependence with other peoples, our relationship to the Earth, and world events;

Whereas the United States has both worldwide involvements and influence that demand an understanding of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages;

Whereas the credibility of our Nation's foreign policy largely depends on the support of a geographically informed citizenry, which understands both the locations and the sig-

nificance of historic changes occurring around the globe and their effect on the United States;

Whereas a thorough knowledge of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages is essential to maintain the Nation's stature in the international community in matters of business, politics, the environment and global events;

Whereas a geographic perspective is needed to understand the relationship between human activity and the condition of our planet in this time of increasing environmental problems;

Whereas geography is only beginning to return to the curricula of American schools, the subject is a core element of the curricula of schools in the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and most other countries;

Whereas our Nation's Governors, in their National Goals for Education, explicitly identified geography along with English, mathematics, science and history as the five core subjects in which American students should demonstrate competency;

Whereas world standards are being developed as benchmarks for student performance in each of the core subjects identified in the National Goals for Education;

Whereas geography is more than the study of map identification, State capitals, and country names, but geography also gives meaning to location and establishes a context for understanding the connections among peoples, places, and events; and

Whereas national attention must be focused on the integral role that a knowledge of world geography plays in preparing citizens of the United States to assume a responsible

role in the future of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the week beginning November 14,
2 1993, and the week beginning November 13, 1994, each
3 be designated as “Geography Awareness Week”, and the
4 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-
5 tion calling upon the people of the United States to
6 observe such a week with appropriate ceremonies and
7 activities.

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