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To express the sense of the House regarding the outstanding achievements
of NetDay96.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of California submitted the following resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the House regarding the outstanding
achievements of NetDay96.

Whereas the children of the United States deserve the finest
preparation possible to face the demands of this Nation's
changing information-based economy;

Whereas on March 9, 1996, California's NetDay96 succeeded
in bringing together more than 50,000 volunteers to in-
stall the wiring infrastructure necessary to connect class-
rooms, from kindergarten to the high school level (K-12),
to the Information Superhighway and bring them the
educational benefits of contemporary technology;

Whereas California's NetDay96 succeeded in wiring 3,500
K-12 schools efficiently and cost-effectively, while estab-
lishing and improving classroom information infrastruc-
ture;

Whereas NetDay96 organizers created a World Wide Web site (<http://www.netday96.com/>) with an online database of all schools, where individuals with a shared interest in upgrading technology in their schools can locate each other and form communities with a lasting interest in their schools;

Whereas NetDay96 stresses educational opportunity for everyone by reaching out to rural and lower income communities to equalize access to current technology;

Whereas the relationships formed on NetDay96 between schools and their communities will last well beyond March 9, 1996, and other States are already planning to organize future NetDay activities, for this October and beyond, that build and expand upon the initial achievements of the NetDay96 activities;

Whereas NetDay96 has substantially increased the visibility of educational technology issues;

Whereas NetDay96 enables schools to move into the information age through community and cyberspace-based action;

Whereas students and schools benefit from significant NetDay96 corporate sponsorship, including MCI, America Online, Netscape, Netcom, Earthlink, who all agreed to provide free Internet access to every K–12 school in California, AT&T, Pacific Bell, Sun Microsystems, and hundreds of other companies, who contributed by sponsoring individual schools, providing wiring kits, and helping to design and test the networks;

Whereas NetDay96 will help facilitate the placement of educational technology, such as computer hardware, software, Internet and technical services, and teaching aids

and training material, in the hands of schools through NetDay96 activities nationwide;

Whereas NetDay96 and future NetDay activities across America will save schools and taxpayers millions of dollars in technology startup costs;

Whereas President Clinton and Vice President Gore participated in California's NetDay96 activities and support the expansion of NetDay96 activities throughout the Nation in an effort to increase the level of technology in this Nation's classrooms and to enhance the ability of children to learn; and

Whereas the administration plans to work with NetDay96 organizers and corporate sponsors including Sun Microsystems, Cisco Systems, and BellSouth, to organize a national conference to allow States that are planning or considering NetDay96 activities to learn from each others' experience: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House that—

2 (1) the organizers, coordinators, and volunteers
3 of NetDay96 throughout the Nation should be com-
4 mended for their actions;

5 (2) NetDay96's success in California should be
6 used as a positive model in other States throughout
7 the Nation, this year and in future years;

8 (3) NetDay96 should be expanded nationwide
9 to assist students, parents, and schools across the
10 country, so that they may obtain the full benefits of
11 computer equipment and networks, strengthen their

1 educations, and begin careers with more skills and
2 opportunities in order to help them compete more
3 successfully in the global economy;

4 (4) businesses, students, parents, educators,
5 and unions throughout the country should consider
6 organizing NetDay96 activities in their communities
7 to provide similar opportunities for their schools;
8 and

9 (5) the House affirms its support of
10 NetDay96's commitment to have United States
11 classrooms fitted with the needed technological infra-
12 structure for the 21st century.

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