

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 747

Supporting the designation of October 2021 as “Down Syndrome Awareness Month” and supporting the goals and ideals of “Down Syndrome Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2021

Mr. GARBARINO (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of October 2021 as “Down Syndrome Awareness Month” and supporting the goals and ideals of “Down Syndrome Awareness Month”.

Whereas Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition, happening when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21;

Whereas approximately 1 in every 700 babies in the United States is born with Down syndrome, or around 6,000 births per year;

Whereas Down syndrome occurs in people of all races and economic levels;

Whereas life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades, from 25 years of age in 1983, to 60 years of age in 2021;

Whereas people with Down syndrome attend school and work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many exceptional ways;

Whereas recent studies have shown that employees with disabilities frequently match the work of their colleagues without disabilities; and

Whereas high-quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends, and the community enable people with Down syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Down Syn-
3 drome Awareness Month”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of “Down
5 Syndrome Awareness Month”;

6 (3) encourages awareness and education regard-
7 ing Down syndrome; and

8 (4) is committed to advancing the lives of peo-
9 ple with Down syndrome, including the integration
10 of people with Down syndrome within the workforce.

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