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H. RES. 815

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Rural Health Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself, Mr. COLE, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. KELLER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. LAHOOD, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. SCHRAEDER, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. KIND, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BACON, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. HERN, Mr. REED, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Ms. SCHRIER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. DUNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Rural Health
Day.

Whereas about 60,000,000 hard-working individuals in the
United States live in rural communities;

Whereas rural individuals in the United States are increas-
ingly facing barriers to accessing the health care services
they need;

Whereas rural health facilities in the United States have faced systemic challenges, including low reimbursements, physician workforce shortages, and difficulty accessing certain technologies like telehealth;

Whereas these challenges have contributed to 138 rural hospital closures since 2010;

Whereas these challenges have made it more difficult for all rural health care facilities to keep their doors open and serve patients;

Whereas National Rural Health Day was established to emphasize the importance of rural areas of the United States and recognize the efforts and contributions to address the unique challenges in rural health care;

Whereas the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health has recognized National Rural Health Day the third Thursday of each November since 2010; and

Whereas National Rural Health Day will be celebrated this year on November 18, 2021: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Rural Health Day;

4 (2) celebrates rural health care providers and
5 the millions of individuals in the United States they
6 serve; and

7 (3) expresses commitment to advancing policy
8 to improve health care accessibility and affordability
9 in rural areas of the United States.

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