

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

Whereas a “National Small Business Week” has been declared by every President since 1963;

Whereas there are more than 30 million small businesses in the United States that support nearly 60 million jobs;

Whereas every congressional district in the United States contains a small business;

Whereas thousands of small business establishments have been particularly hard hit by the COVID–19 pandemic;

Whereas small businesses will play an integral role in rebuilding the economy of the Nation;

Whereas Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect interests of small business to ensure that a fair proportion of total purchases, contracts, and subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government are placed with small businesses, to make certain access to critical capital is made available to such small businesses, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy;

Whereas the Small Business Administration has helped small businesses with access to critical lending opportunities, played a key role in ensuring full and open competition for government contracts, and improved the economic environment in which small businesses compete; and

Whereas September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, would be an appropriate week to celebrate “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial
3 spirit and contributions of small businesses in every
4 community in the United States;

5 (2) applauds the efforts and achievements of
6 the owners of small businesses and their employees
7 in every community in the community of the United
8 States;

9 (3) recognizes that in the face of significant
10 challenges, the owners of small businesses have dem-

1 onstrated incredible resilience over the past 18
2 months;

3 (4) understands that the Small Business Ad-
4 ministration can help small business recover and
5 build back from the global pandemic;

6 (5) supports the designation of “National Small
7 Business Week”; and

8 (6) supports efforts to—

9 (A) encourage consumers to utilize small
10 businesses;

11 (B) increase awareness of the value of
12 small businesses and the impact they have on
13 rebuilding the economy of the United States;

14 (C) hold Federal agencies accountable for
15 meeting procurement goals for small businesses,
16 including the goals for small businesses owned
17 and controlled by service-disabled veterans,
18 small businesses owned and controlled by
19 women, HUBZone small businesses, and so-
20 cially and economically disadvantaged small
21 businesses;

22 (D) ensure guaranteed loans and
23 microloans for startup and growing small busi-
24 nesses are made available to all qualified small
25 businesses, including women, veterans, and so-

1 cially and economically disadvantaged small
2 businesses;

3 (E) provide small businesses the technical
4 assistance and counseling that they desperately
5 need;

6 (F) strengthen small business disaster as-
7 sistance through the Small Business Adminis-
8 tration to guarantee it is provided in a timely
9 and efficient manner;

10 (G) facilitate access to affordable
11 broadband service to foster rural small business
12 growth; and

13 (H) foster systems of intellectual property
14 protection for small business innovation.