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# H. RES. 476

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SIRES, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Ms. TSONGAS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

Whereas SADD has been empowering young people to lead education and prevention initiatives against destructive decisions since it was originally founded as Students Against Driving Drunk in 1981 in Wayland, Massachusetts;

Whereas in 1997, in response to requests from SADD students themselves, SADD expanded its mission and changed its name to Students Against Destructive Decisions;

Whereas SADD's current mission is to provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues

of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence and suicide, and other destructive decisions;

Whereas SADD currently has nearly 10,000 chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges across all 50 States with over 350,000 actively participating members serving millions of students and community members;

Whereas SADD's unique approach involves young people delivering education and prevention messages to their peers through school- and community-wide activities and campaigns responsive to the needs of their particular locations. Projects may include peer-led classes and theme-focused forums, teen workshops, conferences and rallies, prevention education and leadership training, awareness-raising activities, and legislative work;

Whereas SADD continues to effectively encourage and facilitate communication between young people and their parents regarding potentially destructive decisions related to alcohol, drugs, peer pressure, and behavior through the development of the Contract for Life; and

Whereas SADD successfully campaigns and maintains partnerships with many Federal and State agencies and other nonprofit groups and foundations that promote positive youth development: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, that the House of Representatives—

2            (1) supports the goals and ideals of SADD as  
3        the Nation's leading youth-based peer-to-peer pre-  
4        vention, education, and activism organization;

5            (2) commends SADD for its dedication to  
6        healthy youth development and the prevention of de-

1       structive decisions involving underage drinking, drug  
2       use, and violence;

3           (3) acknowledges the 30 years of positive im-  
4       pact SADD has had on both individuals and commu-  
5       nities through the United States and abroad;

6           (4) supports SADD to continue to grow and  
7       serve youth both nationally and internationally; and

8           (5) encourages the people of the United States  
9       to support SADD and celebrate this important mile-  
10      stone with a special event called “Celebrate 30 With  
11      SADD: Lighting the Way,” involving students,  
12      teachers, parents, and other community members.

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