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H. RES. 58

Expressing support for designation of the first Saturday in January after Congress reconvenes as “National Congress on Your Corner Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2011

Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Constitution of the United States establishes a democratic government of the people, by the people, and for the people, in which supreme power is vested in the people and exercised through their elected representatives, most directly in the House of Representatives;

Whereas the First Amendment of the Constitution provides for “the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”;

Whereas “Congress on Your Corner” events provide valuable opportunities for each Member of Congress to hear directly from those they represent in an informal setting about any issues, concerns, or problems they may have with the Federal Government, and to provide outreach, assistance, and information about the Federal Government;

Whereas Arizona Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who best exemplifies the United States’ representative form of government and democratic ideals, was conducting her first “Congress on Your Corner” event of the year in Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011;

Whereas more than 60 of her constituents had come out that day to meet with Representative Giffords, and 6 people were killed, including her community outreach director Gabriel “Gabe” Zimmerman, and 13 were wounded by a single gunman, including Representative Giffords;

Whereas the United States system of representation requires constant feedback from the public for Members of Congress to fulfill their duties, and the tragedy in Tucson, Arizona, should not and cannot make it more difficult for elected officials to be accessible to their constituents; and

Whereas the first Saturday in January after Congress reconvenes would be an appropriate date to designate as “National Congress on Your Corner Day”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of “National Con-
- 3 gress on Your Corner Day”;

1 (2) urges all members of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives to observe such a day to honor those
3 who were killed or injured in Tucson, Arizona; and

4 (3) recognizes the importance of Congress on
5 Your Corner and other events throughout the year
6 that provide opportunities for Members of Congress
7 to engage with their constituents and to fulfill the
8 ideals of the Founding Fathers and precepts of the
9 Constitution of the United States.

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