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Supporting the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. POLIS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

JOINT RESOLUTION

Supporting the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

Whereas the unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young people who have previously participated in a public policy-related program, outreach initiative, internship, or fellowship opportunity, are essential to ensure that investments made by the Federal Government in youth services are effective and efficient;

Whereas existing outreach and engagement mechanisms of the Federal Government are designed in ways that inhibit the participation, and lead to the underrepresentation, of young people in the policymaking process; and

Whereas numerous Members of Congress, Governors, State legislatures, mayors, and city councils have created youth councils that have proven to be an effective means of receiving input from young people, which leads to more effective and efficient policies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH COUNCIL.**

4 (a) Congress—

5 (1) supports the establishment with private
 6 funds of a Presidential Youth Council to—

7 (A) advise the President and the adminis-
 8 tration on the perspectives of young people;

9 (B) make public policy-related youth pro-
 10 grams more efficient and effective; and

11 (C) address issues that will affect the long-
 12 term future of the United States;

13 (2) recommends that the Presidential Youth
 14 Council be composed of 24 young people who—

15 (A) are appointed by leaders of the major-
 16 ity and minority parties in the House and the
 17 Senate, and the President, in the manner de-
 18 scribed in subsection (b);

19 (B) are 16 to 24 years of age;

20 (C) have participated in a public policy-re-
 21 lated program, outreach initiative, internship,

1 fellowship, or congressionally sponsored youth
2 advisory council;

3 (D) can constructively contribute to policy
4 deliberations;

5 (E) can conduct outreach to solicit the
6 views and perspectives of peers; and

7 (F) have backgrounds that reflect the ra-
8 cial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of
9 the United States; and

10 (3) recommends that the Presidential Youth
11 Council as a whole undertake activities to solicit the
12 unique views and perspectives of young people and
13 bring those views and perspectives to the attention
14 of the head of each department or agency of the
15 Federal Government and Congress.

16 (b) Congress recommends that the members of the
17 Presidential Youth Council be appointed in the following
18 manner:

19 (1) The President shall appoint 4 Council mem-
20 bers.

21 (2) The Speaker of the House shall appoint ei-
22 ther 4 Council members (if the Speaker belongs to
23 the same political party as the President) or 6 Coun-
24 cil members (if the Speaker does not belong to the
25 same political party as the President).

1 (3) The Minority Leader of the House shall ap-
2 point either 4 Council members (if the Minority
3 Leader belongs to the same political party as the
4 President) or 6 Council members (if the Minority
5 Leader does not belong to the same political party
6 as the President).

7 (4) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall ap-
8 point 4 Council members (if the Majority Leader be-
9 longs to the same political party as the President)
10 or 6 Council members (if the Majority Leader does
11 not belong to the same political party as the Presi-
12 dent).

13 (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall ap-
14 point either 4 Council members (if the Minority
15 Leader belongs to the same political party as the
16 President) or 6 Council members (if the Minority
17 Leader does not belong to the same political party
18 as the President).

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