

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1512

Establishing the Congressional Modernization Competition, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. CAREY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## RESOLUTION

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and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional  
4 Modernization Competition Resolution of 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The House of Representatives finds the following:

7 (1) The House of Representatives was designed  
8 to be the representative branch of government clos-  
9 est to the people.

1           (2) The House of Representatives must contin-  
2 ually assess its capacity to fulfill its constitutional  
3 responsibilities.

4           (3) Civic education and citizen participation are  
5 vital components to the continued health of our de-  
6 mocracy.

7           (4) Research shows that participation in civic  
8 life at an early age allows students to build interest  
9 and skillsets that will keep them engaged citizens  
10 throughout their lives.

11           (5) Ideas to modernize Congress can and should  
12 come from Americans of different ages, back-  
13 grounds, and walks of life.

14           (6) It is therefore appropriate for the House of  
15 Representatives to institute a new competition to  
16 both encourage students' participation in civic life,  
17 while providing Congress with additional rec-  
18 ommendations to modernize and improve its work.

19 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL COMPETITION IN EFFECTIVE-**  
20 **NESS, EFFICIENCY, AND TRANSPARENCY.**

21           (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETITION.—There is  
22 hereby established an academic competition for the pur-  
23 poses of developing ideas for increasing the effectiveness,  
24 efficiency, and transparency of the operations of the

1 House of Representatives which shall be held each year  
2 among students in each congressional district.

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—The competition under this sub-  
4 section (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such  
5 regulations as may be prescribed by the Committee on  
6 House Administration, except that the regulations shall  
7 permit the office of a Member to seek guidance from out-  
8 side experts in the fields of government, political science,  
9 and civics education for the purposes of establishing cri-  
10 teria for the selection of competition judges and for the  
11 judgment of competition submissions.

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