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H. RES. 397

Reestablishing the House of Representatives Page Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOREN (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. CUELLAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Reestablishing the House of Representatives Page Program.

Whereas the House of Representatives Page Program is part of a historic tradition of the House of Representatives, traced back to messengers employed by the First Continental Congress in 1774, and the first messengers and errand-runners known as “Pages” served during the Twentieth Congress, from 1827 to 1829;

Whereas the House Page Program has long provided an opportunity for young people to experience our government first hand, and many former pages have gone on to become our Nation’s leaders both in the public and private sectors;

Whereas the primary duties of House Pages include delivering correspondence and legislative materials, answering phones in the Members’ Cloakrooms and delivering mes-

sages to Members on the floor, and preparing the Hall of the House for session;

Whereas the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House terminated this historic program on August 31, 2011; and

Whereas the loss of the House Page Program is detrimental to both the House of Representatives and the education of our Nation's young people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**
 3 **ATIVES PAGE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) REESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Effective
 5 with the first school semester that begins after the advi-
 6 sory panel described in subsection (b) submits its rec-
 7 ommendations to the Committee on House Administra-
 8 tion, the House of Representatives Page Program shall be
 9 reestablished.

10 (b) USE OF ADVISORY PANEL TO DEVELOP REC-
 11 OMMENDATIONS FOR OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
 13 the date of the adoption of this resolution, the chair
 14 and ranking minority member of the Committee on
 15 House Administration, acting jointly, shall appoint 9
 16 individuals to serve on an advisory panel to develop
 17 recommendations for the operation of the reestab-
 18 lished Page Program.

1 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—Of the individuals ap-
2 pointed to serve on the advisory panel under this
3 subsection—

4 (A) 3 shall be Members of the House of
5 Representatives who belong to the majority
6 party of the House;

7 (B) 3 shall be Members of the House of
8 Representatives who belong to the minority
9 party of the House; and

10 (C) 3 shall be individuals who are not
11 Members of the House of Representatives and
12 who served as pages of the House of Represent-
13 atives.

14 (3) NO COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE.—Individ-
15 uals serving on the advisory panel shall serve with-
16 out pay.

17 (4) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—The
18 Committee on House Administration shall provide to
19 the advisory panel the administrative support serv-
20 ices necessary for the advisory panel to carry out its
21 duties under this subsection.

22 (5) DEADLINE.—The advisory panel shall sub-
23 mit its recommendations under paragraph (1) not
24 later than 60 days after the appointment of all of
25 its members.

1 (c) INCLUSION OF DELEGATES AND RESIDENT COM-
2 MISSIONER.—In this resolution, a “Member of the House
3 of Representatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Com-
4 missioner to the Congress.

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