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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that high-performance buildings improve the quality of life for millions of individuals, produce a more resilient and sustainable world for current and future generations, reduce operating costs, and improve the productivity, comfort, and health of occupants, and expressing support for designating the week of June 11 through June 15, 2018, as “High-Performance Building Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2018

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. MCKINLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the term “high-performance building” is defined in section 401 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17061) as “a building that integrates and optimizes on a life cycle basis all major high-performance attributes, including energy conservation, envi-

ronment, safety, security, durability, accessibility, cost-benefit, productivity, sustainability, functionality, and operational considerations”;

Whereas, because individuals spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors and buildings are the single largest consumer of energy and water in the United States, built environments have a vast impact on virtually all aspects of life and national security in the United States;

Whereas the United States benefits technologically, economically, and environmentally from innovative technologies developed for use in high-performance buildings;

Whereas research and programs that are supported by government entities and private industry, and relate to high-performance buildings benefit the United States and individuals in the United States; and

Whereas investing in resilient and robust building systems protects individuals and businesses in the United States from the impacts of man-made disasters and natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports

2 efforts to—

3 (1) improve the performance of existing and fu-
4 ture buildings through—

5 (A) the adoption of best practices and vol-
6 untary consensus standards relating to commer-
7 cial and residential buildings; and

8 (B) participation by interested parties in—

1 (i) Government programs, including
2 those at the Office of Energy Efficiency
3 and Renewable Energy of the Department
4 of Energy;

5 (ii) public-private partnerships; and

6 (iii) private initiatives;

7 (2) create awareness of the beneficial impacts
8 that high-performance buildings have on commu-
9 nities, including reductions in operating costs, im-
10 provements in the health and productivity of occu-
11 pants of high-performance buildings, and enhance-
12 ments in community resiliency;

13 (3) encourage interested parties to engage in
14 dialogues on innovative policies and programs relat-
15 ing to the built environment that address needs re-
16 lating to resiliency, workforce development, and en-
17 ergy and water efficiency;

18 (4) incentivize investment in high-performance
19 commercial and residential buildings because invest-
20 ment in high-performance buildings is in the best in-
21 terests of the United States; and

22 (5) invest in training and education for, and
23 celebrate the work of, engineers, architects, builders,
24 code officials, tradespeople, design professionals, la-

- 1 borers, and others in the construction industry who
- 2 work to advance high-performance buildings.

