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Designating October 22 through October 28, 2023, as “Natural Product Industry Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mr. LEE (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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“Natural Product Industry Week”.

Whereas dietary supplements, such as multivitamins, minerals, herbs, and fish oils, are intended to add to or supplement an individual’s diet and come in the form of pills, capsules, powders, gel capsules and tablets, extracts, or liquids;

Whereas natural products such as dietary supplements have contributed to the United States economy as well as the wellbeing of individuals in the United States;

Whereas, in 2021, 80 percent of individuals in the United States reported using dietary supplements, an increase of 9 percent since 2016;

Whereas, nationally, sales for the natural and organic products industry were \$259,000,000,000 in 2020, and are expected to surpass \$300,000,000,000 in 2023;

Whereas dietary supplements and dietary ingredients are currently regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–417; 108 Stat. 4325);

Whereas the natural products industry empowers individuals in the United States to pursue flexible work arrangements like direct selling;

Whereas demand for natural products in the United States has led to the establishment of numerous direct selling companies that produce and sell natural products, and 36 percent of direct sellers focus on wellness products, including natural products;

Whereas the increased consumption of dietary supplements has led to the creation of more than 754,000 domestic jobs and the generation of \$121,600,000,000 in total United States economic output, including \$38,400,000,000 in domestic wages;

Whereas many dietary supplements contain vitamins and minerals such as vitamin D, iron, zinc, and more, which have been shown to improve health;

Whereas 42 percent of supplement users cite overall health and wellness benefits as a reason they take supplements;

Whereas individuals in the United States have the right to make decisions about their health and should seek to make informed decisions based on careful research and the best scientific evidence;

Whereas studies have found among older individuals an association between increased use of dietary supplements and reporting more healthful lifestyles; and

Whereas the National Institutes of Health has found that some dietary supplements can improve overall health and manage some health conditions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 22 through October 28,
3 2023, as “Natural Products Industry Week”;

4 (2) supports individuals in the United States in
5 their efforts to maintain or improve their health, in-
6 cluding through the use of natural products;

7 (3) recognizes that dietary supplements have
8 become a routine part of the lives of millions of indi-
9 viduals in the United States; and

10 (4) recognizes the contributions of the natural
11 product industry to the workforce and economy of
12 the United States.

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