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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Recognizing the importance and contributions of National Board Certified Teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LETLOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance and contributions of National
Board Certified Teachers.

Whereas National Board Certification signifies professional
teaching excellence based on rigorous standards devel-
oped by teachers for teachers to demonstrate their ability
to advance student learning and achievement;

Whereas research shows that students taught by National
Board Certified Teachers learn more than their peers, es-
pecially for low-income students;

Whereas access to just one Board-certified mathematics
teacher increases a student's lifetime earnings by
\$48,000;

Whereas National Board Certified Teachers play a critical role in addressing the learning loss incurred during the COVID–19 pandemic by accelerating student learning by 1 to 2 months of instruction per school year;

Whereas National Board Certified Teachers often amplify their expertise positively by serving in leadership roles as teacher mentors, principals, administrators, and district leaders;

Whereas analyses show that National Board Certified Teachers are more likely to stay in the profession, leading to improved teacher retention rates that are critical to mitigating staffing shortages;

Whereas, according to the Center on Great Teachers and Leaders, National Board Certified Teachers rank Board Certification as their most important ongoing formal education, above graduate-level coursework and other training programs;

Whereas 29 States provide salary incentives for National Board Certified Teachers, including 13 States prioritizing incentives in high-needs schools;

Whereas 44 percent of National Board Certified Teachers serve students in Title I schools;

Whereas, in 2023, 3,571 teachers earned their National Board Certification for the first time, and 6,697 successfully maintained their certification, benefitting thousands of students across the country; and

Whereas there are now a total of 137,015 teachers who have achieved National Board Certification: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) supports the designation of “National
2 Board Certified Teacher Week”;

3 (2) recognizes the importance and contributions
4 of National Board Certified Teachers to student
5 learning and achievement; and

6 (3) encourages educators, administrators,
7 school districts, and States to promote the growth of
8 new National Board Certified Teachers and provide
9 candidates with the necessary incentives and sup-
10 port.