

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 555

Designating the week of February 10 through February 17, 2024, as “National Entrepreneurship Week” to recognize the importance and contributions of entrepreneurs and startups to the economic prosperity of the United States and the well-being of every community across the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 10 through February 17, 2024, as “National Entrepreneurship Week” to recognize the importance and contributions of entrepreneurs and startups to the economic prosperity of the United States and the well-being of every community across the United States.

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week is a congressionally chartered event taking place annually during the third week of February for the purpose of democratizing and promoting entrepreneurship across the United States through education, connection, and collaboration;

Whereas the United States is the most entrepreneurial country in the world, and the entrepreneurial spirit woven

into the national consciousness is central to the identity of the United States;

Whereas that entrepreneurial spirit and the countless new businesses it has spawned have built the most innovative and productive economy in the history of the world;

Whereas the United States is a nation of entrepreneurs, with new and small businesses comprising 99 percent of all businesses in the United States and employing nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of all workers in the United States;

Whereas, given the importance of entrepreneurship to innovation, productivity gains, job creation, and expanding opportunity, a thriving entrepreneurial spirit is critical to economic growth in the United States;

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week celebrates the initiative, drive, creativity, and commitment embodied in the entrepreneurial spirit of the United States;

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week inspires students and the next generation of entrepreneurs by encouraging educators in grade schools, colleges, and universities across the United States to integrate entrepreneurship education into the classroom; and

Whereas research has demonstrated that students who participate in entrepreneurship education programs have better attendance records, perform better in core subjects, and have lower drop-out rates than students who do not participate in such programs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of February 10 through
3 February 17, 2024, as “National Entrepreneurship
4 Week”;

1 (2) celebrates the importance of entrepreneurs
2 and startups to the economy of the United States;

3 (3) recognizes the contributions entrepreneurs
4 make to expand opportunity, provide more inclusive
5 prosperity, and increase the well-being of every com-
6 munity across the United States;

7 (4) affirms the importance and urgency of en-
8 acting policies that promote, nurture, and support
9 entrepreneurs and startups; and

10 (5) encourages Federal, State, and local govern-
11 ments, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other
12 civic organizations to observe National Entrepre-
13 neurship Week annually with special events and ac-
14 tivities—

15 (A) to recognize the contributions of entre-
16 preneurs in the United States;

17 (B) to teach the importance of entrepre-
18 neurship to a strong and inclusive economy; and

19 (C) to take steps to encourage, support,
20 and celebrate future entrepreneurs.

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