

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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Designating the week of February 12 through February 19, 2022, 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

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

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 12 through February 19, 2022, 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 half of all workers in the United States;

Whereas, given the importance of entrepreneurship to innovation, productivity gains, economic growth, job creation, and expanding opportunity, a thriving entrepreneurial spirit is critical to post-COVID economic recovery 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—

1 (1) designates the week of February 12 through
2 February 19, 2022, as “National Entrepreneurship
3 Week”;

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

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

10 (4) affirms the importance and urgency of en-
11 acting policies that promote, nurture, and support
12 entrepreneurs and startups; and

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

18 (A) to recognize the contributions of entre-
19 preneurs in the United States;

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

22 (C) to take steps to encourage, support,
23 and celebrate future entrepreneurs.