

## **H. Res. 1117**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*April 22, 2008.*

Whereas the need to educate Americans on the importance of stewardship of the environment led to the first Earth Day in 1970, the passage of a variety of environmental laws, and substantial environmental improvements over the intervening years;

Whereas substantial air quality and other environmental problems persist in many areas of our country;

Whereas today increasing numbers of Americans are concerned with the relatively rapid changes in our environment and decreasing biodiversity;

Whereas the need to improve our interaction with the environment has led to the need for more sophisticated environmental research and development of solutions to environmental problems;

Whereas today the importance of scientific evidence in making correct decisions about environmental problems has never been more important;

Whereas Earth Day activities increase our understanding of the environment and its relationship to our personal decisions regarding energy conservation, use of renewable energy, use of natural resources, and recycling; and

Whereas Earth Day has become the preeminent day of environmental celebrations, clean-ups, and educational events across the country: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Earth Day and thanks the many organizers and participants across the country for their tireless efforts in support of the environment;

(2) encourages the Department of Energy to step up its efforts in research, development, and demonstration of renewable energy technology and energy conservation techniques; and

(3) encourages all segments of American society to work together in ensuring that the research and development necessary to uncover solutions to our major environmental problems occurs in a timely manner.

Attest:

*Clerk.*