National Coalition For Literacy

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The Honorable Jared Polis
Member
U. S. House of Representatives
501 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Polis:

On behalf of the National Coalition for Literacy, thank you for sponsoring H. Res.1472 designating the week of September 13, 2010, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. The Coalition applauds your work for the second consecutive year in a row to elevate the importance of adult education and family literacy for adults and families who strive to improve their lives through literacy. Adult education and family literacy practitioners and the adult learners whom we serve appreciate your leading this resolution through the U.S. House of Representatives.

Millions of adults each day struggle with literacy and language skills and are unable to reach their full potential. They struggle to get or keep a job with family sustaining wages. They are not prepared to enter college or vocational training. Adult educators work tirelessly to help these adults and their families improve their literacy and English language skills, opening doors to opportunity previously unavailable to them. Literacy breaks the cycle of poverty and helps families create better opportunities for generations to come. Thank you for honoring the adults who strive to improve their skills and for the programs and individuals who work with them daily. The week of September 13, 2010 will be a tribute to these adults as we collaborate with businesses, community and faith based organizations to reach those who would benefit.

We hope to partner with you in the future to increase access to adult education and family literacy programs and to ensure each and every participant in our programs receives the best possible education. We appreciate Spiros Protopsaltis and his work on this resolution. It has been a pleasure to work with him on behalf of this legislation.

We look forward to seeing you at the NCL Literacy Leadership Awards on September 15th for your closing remarks about National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. If there is anything we can do to be of further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call at 315-422-9121 ext. 355 or email at pwaite@proliteracy.org.

Sincerely,

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