

1 **TITLE VI—SENSE OF THE HOUSE**

2 **SEC. 601. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON THE INNOVATION**
3 **AGENDA AND AMERICA COMPETES ACT.**

4 It is the sense of the House that—

5 (1) the House should provide sufficient funding
6 so that our Nation may continue to be the world
7 leader in education, innovation and economic
8 growth;

9 (2) last year, Congress passed and the Presi-
10 dent signed the America COMPETES Act, bipar-
11 tisan legislation designed to ensure that American
12 students, teachers, businesses, and workers are pre-
13 pared to continue leading the world in innovation,
14 research, and technology well into the future;

15 (3) this resolution supports the efforts author-
16 ized in the America COMPETES Act, providing
17 substantially increased funding above the President's
18 requested level for 2009, and increased amounts
19 after 2009 in Function 250 (General Science, Space
20 and Technology) and Function 270 (Energy);

21 (4) additional increases for scientific research
22 and education are included in Function 500 (Edu-
23 cation, Employment, Training and Social Services),
24 Function 550 (Health), Function 300 (Environment
25 and Natural Resources), and Function 370 (Com-

1 merce and Housing Credit), all of which receive
2 more funding than the President's budget provides;

3 (5) because America's greatest resource for in-
4 novation resides within classrooms across the coun-
5 try, the increased funding provided in this resolution
6 will support initiatives within the America COM-
7 PETES Act to educate tens of thousands of new sci-
8 entists, engineers, and mathematicians, and place
9 highly qualified teachers in math and science K-12
10 classrooms; and

11 (6) because independent scientific research pro-
12 vides the foundation for innovation and future tech-
13 nologies, this resolution will keep us on the path to-
14 ward doubling funding for the National Science
15 Foundation, basic research in the physical sciences,
16 and collaborative research partnerships, and toward
17 achieving energy independence through the develop-
18 ment of clean and sustainable alternative energy
19 technologies.

20 **SEC. 602. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON SERVICEMEMBERS'**
21 **AND VETERANS' HEALTH CARE AND OTHER**
22 **PRIORITIES.**

23 It is the sense of the House that—

24 (1) the House supports excellent health care for
25 current and former members of the United States