

House Resolution 1287

By: Representatives Roberts of the 154th, England of the 108th, Coleman of the 97th, Burns of the 157th, Houston of the 170th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS); and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences is the comprehensive body of research,
4 knowledge, and skills that helps people make informed decisions about their well-being,
5 relationships, and resources to achieve their optimal quality of life; and

6 WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences education, with a unique focus on families, work,
7 and their interrelationships, empowers individuals and families to manage the challenges of
8 living and working in a diverse global society; and

9 WHEREAS, in order to support family and consumer sciences education, legislators, parents,
10 and the public need to recognize the term "family and consumer sciences" and connect it with
11 the body of knowledge founded as "home economics" and represented since 1994 by the
12 term "family and consumer sciences"; and

13 WHEREAS, national, state, and local policy makers, education administrators, and the public
14 need an understanding of the scope of family and consumer sciences and its direct relevance
15 to serious societal concerns today, such as obesity, food safety, financial literacy, the
16 complexities of family life, and the role of parents, caregivers, and other adults in preparing
17 children for school readiness; and

18 WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences education provides relevant content for students
19 preparing for careers in teaching, human services, and a variety of other careers; and

20 WHEREAS, federal and state legislation strongly influences allocation of funds for family
21 and consumer sciences education as well as administrative and curricular structure at all
22 levels; and

23 WHEREAS, access to family and consumer sciences education in middle schools, high
24 schools, and higher education across the nation is increasingly at risk due to severe budget
25 constraints and curricular priorities on math, science, and traditional academics; and

26 WHEREAS, the communities and other entities within AAFCS support the development and
27 implementation of initiatives to promote uniform name recognition of family and consumer
28 sciences and a greater understanding of the important role of family and consumer sciences
29 education in preparing students to successfully manage the many and varied challenges of
30 everyday life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize the affiliates, communities, and other entities within the
33 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and support and facilitate the
34 development and implementation of national, state, and local intervention strategies to
35 sustain family and consumer sciences education in the current economic and education
36 environment.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Association
39 of Family and Consumer Sciences.