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RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD
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IN COMMEMORATION OF CONGRESSMAN GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

For over three decades of distinguished service to the U.S. Congress and the global science community, the National Science Board recognizes Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., as more than a friend of science. He was a fine intellect and a conscientious leader in extraordinary circumstances.

Mr. Brown was a fount of wisdom about how science and technology transform our lives and our understanding of it. As an advocate for space exploration and environmental protection, he challenged scientists and policymakers alike to consider the unanticipated consequences that future generations would face. As a champion of basic research and science education, Mr. Brown reminded us that all citizens of all ages expect, and deserve, a return on government investments.

Vigilance defined Mr. Brown's career in public service. Concern about the character of human culture and the quality of life dominated his work on the Committee on Science. In a lecture last year, he said "Given that we can completely transform the world with our knowledge, we are morally compelled to answer the question, 'What is the end that we seek?'"

Be it RESOLVED that:

The National Science Board and students of government have lost a role model and a colleague. The legacy of Congressman George Brown will light the way to a science and technology policy for the next millennium.