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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HONDA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

To establish a program to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering world-class entrepreneurs with Federal agencies.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Entrepreneur-in-Resi-  
5 dence Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) The term “Director” means the Director of  
2           the Office of Personnel Management.

3           (2) The term “program” means the Federal en-  
4           trepreneur-in-residence program established under  
5           section 3(a).

6           (3) The term “entrepreneur-in-residence”  
7           means an individual appointed to a position under  
8           the program.

9           (4) The term “agency” means an Executive  
10          agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, United  
11          States Code.

12 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PRO-**  
13 **GRAM.**

14          (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Director, in con-  
15          sultation with the Administrator of the Small Business  
16          Administration and the Secretary of Commerce, shall es-  
17          tablish a Federal entrepreneur-in-residence program  
18          under which the Director, with the concurrence of the  
19          head of an agency, may appoint an entrepreneur-in-resi-  
20          dence to a position in the excepted service in the agency  
21          to carry out the duties described in subsection (d).

22          (b) MISSION OF PROGRAM.—The mission of the pro-  
23          gram shall be to—

24                  (1) provide for better outreach by the Federal  
25          Government to the private sector;

1           (2) strengthen coordination and interaction be-  
2           tween the Federal Government and the private sec-  
3           tor on issues relevant to entrepreneurs and business  
4           concerns; and

5           (3) make Federal programs simpler, quicker,  
6           more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of  
7           business concerns and entrepreneurs.

8           (c) APPOINTMENTS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director—

10           (A) shall appoint entrepreneurs-in-resi-  
11           dence under the program during each year; and

12           (B) may not appoint more than 10 entre-  
13           preneurs-in-residence during any year.

14           (2) SELECTION.—The Director shall select en-  
15           trepreneurs-in-residence from among individuals  
16           who—

17           (A) are successful in their field;

18           (B) have demonstrated success in working  
19           with business concerns and entrepreneurs; or

20           (C) have successfully developed, invented,  
21           or created a product and brought the product  
22           to the marketplace.

23           (3) PLACEMENT.—In appointing entrepreneurs-  
24           in-residence, the Director shall—

1 (A) give priority to placing entrepreneurs-  
2 in-residence across the Federal Government at  
3 separate agencies; and

4 (B) to the extent practicable, not appoint  
5 more than 2 entrepreneurs-in-residence to posi-  
6 tions in the same agency during the same year.

7 (4) TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.—An entre-  
8 preneur-in-residence—

9 (A) shall be a full-time employee of the  
10 agency to which the entrepreneur-in-residence is  
11 appointed; and

12 (B) may not serve as an entrepreneur-in-  
13 residence for more than a period of 2 years.

14 (d) DUTIES.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall—

15 (1) assist Federal agencies in improving out-  
16 reach to business concerns and entrepreneurs;

17 (2) provide recommendations to the head of the  
18 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on  
19 inefficient or duplicative programs, if any, at the  
20 agency;

21 (3) provide recommendations to the head of the  
22 agency employing the entrepreneur-in-residence on  
23 methods to improve program efficiency at the agency  
24 or new initiatives, if any, that may be instituted at  
25 the agency;

1           (4) facilitate meetings and forums to educate  
2           business concerns and entrepreneurs on programs or  
3           initiatives of the agency employing the entrepreneur-  
4           in-residence;

5           (5) facilitate in-service sessions with employees  
6           of the agency employing the entrepreneur-in-resi-  
7           dence on issues of concern to business concerns and  
8           entrepreneurs; and

9           (6) provide technical assistance or mentorship  
10          to business concerns and entrepreneurs in accessing  
11          programs at the agency employing the entrepreneur-  
12          in-residence.

13          (e) COMPENSATION.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15          graph (2), the rate of basic pay payable to an entre-  
16          preneur-in-residence shall be determined in accord-  
17          ance with regulations prescribed by the Director, but  
18          shall in no event be less than the minimum rate of  
19          basic pay payable for grade GS-10 of the General  
20          Schedule nor more than the rate payable for level II  
21          of the Executive Schedule.

22           (2) HIGHEST RATE ALLOWABLE.—The rate of  
23          basic pay payable to an entrepreneur-in-residence  
24          may be increased to the rate payable for level II of  
25          the Executive Schedule if—

1 (A) the rate last payable to such entre-  
2 preneur-in-residence, before the effective date of  
3 the increase, is equal to the highest rate allow-  
4 able under paragraph (1);

5 (B) the entrepreneur-in-residence has sat-  
6 isfactorily completed at least 1 year of service,  
7 in a position under this section, within the em-  
8 ploying agency; and

9 (C) the employing agency has a perform-  
10 ance appraisal system which, as of such effec-  
11 tive date, is certified under section 5307(d)(2)  
12 of title 5, United States Code.”.

13 (f) REPORTING.—An entrepreneur-in-residence shall  
14 report directly to the head of the agency employing the  
15 entrepreneur-in-residence.

16 (g) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP.—  
17 The Director may establish an informal working group of  
18 entrepreneurs-in-residence to allow for entrepreneurs-in-  
19 residence to meet to discuss best practices, experiences,  
20 and recommendations in order to create an informal  
21 knowledge base for current and future entrepreneurs-in-  
22 residence.

23 (h) TERMINATION.—The Director may not appoint  
24 an entrepreneur-in-residence under this section after Sep-  
25 tember 30, 2016.