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HONORING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

HONORABLE JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mister Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) as the largest association dedicated to the training and development profession, recognizing them for their annual Employee Learning Week, held December 5 through the 9, 2011.

Members of ASTD come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 125 U.S. chapters with 20 international partners. They work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and as suppliers.

Established in 1943, ASTD is a leader in the training and development field. As businesses seek competitive advantages and growth, learning and development professionals make sure an organization's best asset, its employees, have the skills they need to help achieve business growth. ASTD serves this important community of professionals with research and resources.

To further these goals, ASTD has declared December 5th through December 9th, 2011 as "Employee Learning Week" and designated time for organizations to recognize the strategic value of employee learning. I applaud ASTD and its members for their dedication to developing knowledgeable and skilled employees during Employee Learning Week.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting policies that commit to maintaining a highly skilled workforce.

Jim Moran