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Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association, Industry Celebrate National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day

(Washington, D.C.) – October 8, 2015 – Today, the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA) joins organizations across the nation in celebrating National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day to raise awareness of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies that provide reliable and resilient power, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase America’s energy security. Fuel cells utilize hydrogen and hydrogen rich fuels in a chemical reaction without combustion to generate electricity in a way that is clean, efficient and quiet.

The 8th of October was chosen to observe National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day in recognition of the atomic weight of hydrogen (1.008).

On September 29, the U.S. Senate provided official recognition of October 8, 2015 as National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day with the passage of Senate Resolution 217, sponsored by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Chris Coons (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Chris Murphy (D-CT), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM).

Supporters in both the Senate and the House today expressed their enthusiasm for the fuel cell and hydrogen energy industry.

“Today we recognize the critical role fuel cells and hydrogen-based technologies play in securing our energy future for the United States,” **said Senator Chris Coons (D-CT)**. “In Delaware, companies like Air Liquide, Bloom Energy, and Dupont are seeing the enormous potential to create jobs and diversify our energy sources. The University of Delaware has been leading the way on cutting edge fuel cell research. We must continue to advocate for public and private investments in fuel cell technology and the hydrogen economy and educate businesses and consumers about the important role they can play in our energy future.”

“I am proud to be a longtime supporter of fuel cell and hydrogen technology,” **said Representative John Larson (D-CT)**. “Hydrogen and fuel cell technologies are paving the way towards energy independence, emission reductions, and economic growth. I have continued to support measures in Congress to support fuel cells and hydrogen energy, most recently by introducing the *Fuel Cell Tax Extenders Act of 2015* to extend federal incentives for residential,

commercial, and vehicular fuel cell use. Connecticut has been a pioneer in this industry since fuel cells were used aboard the Apollo space program and our state remains a leader in fuel cell manufacturing with numerous fuel cell and hydrogen companies that employ highly skilled workers. As a co-chair of the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus I am excited to join FCHEA in celebrating National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.”

“The future is now,” said **Morry Markowitz, President of the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA)**. “The industry has grown tremendously as fuel cell electric vehicles become available in the showroom, stationary applications continue to grow, and other markets such as material handling are taking off. Today we are celebrating the contributions fuel cell and hydrogen energy technologies have made towards our nation’s new energy future.”

For more information on National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day, please visit our website at www.hydrogenfuelcellday.org.

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