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Call to Action  
CITIZEN DIPLOMACY RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

**"Whereas citizen diplomacy is undeniably one of the most powerful and effective means to present the human face of the United States to the rest of the world: Now, therefore, be it Resolved..."**

**The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy is pleased to announce that Resolution H.Res. 569 "supporting citizen diplomacy organizations and encouraging the convening of a Presidential Summit on Citizen Diplomacy" has been introduced in the House of Representatives and sent to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. This comprehensive Resolution is a major component of the National Initiative for Global Citizen Diplomacy called for by the U.S. Center and a broad coalition of organizations and leaders in international affairs.**

**We extend sincere thanks to Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA) and Congresswoman Sue Myrick (R-NC) for their leadership in initiating this resolution. The resolution currently has 14 cosponsors and bipartisan support.**

**Now, we urgently need your help to continue moving this National Initiative forward. Please send a letter to your Representative by July 3, urging him or her to sign on to H.Res. 569.**

**It takes just a few minutes!**

**[Click here to view the full text of the Resolution and sign and send a sample letter of support via Change.org to the Representative\(s\) in your state.](#)**

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**Call for Nominations: 2009 AABF Program**

***High Potential Young American Executives Encouraged to Apply***

Nominations are now being accepted for the Arab & American Business Fellows (AABF) program - a three week cross cultural and reciprocal



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exchange program that exposes young business executives and entrepreneurs from both the Arab world and the U.S. to global business issues and best practices in the two regions.

Twenty U.S. fellows between the ages of 25-45 will be selected by representatives from Business for Diplomatic Action (BDA), Young Arab Leaders (YAL) and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy (USCCD). The deadline for applications is July 31, 2009.

[Click here for more details about the program and to download an application.](#)

### Timely Topic: School's out for Summer!



**Get involved in citizen diplomacy, summer style!** Here are a few small ways to make a big impact.

**Wondering how to keep the kids busy?** Consider a program or camp with an international and/or language focus. [Click here](#) to view a list of options on our newest Timely Topics Web page!

**Planning to take a summer vacation abroad?** Include volunteerism as part of your experience. [Click here](#) to find a list of organizations that organize volunteer vacations.

**Want to find out how get involved as a citizen diplomat in your own community?** [Click here](#) to view a list of national citizen diplomacy organizations and connect with a state chapter near you.

**Want to simplify your stuff for a cause this summer?** Enlist the family to organize a neighborhood garage sale or other fund drive and donate the proceeds to one of the many exemplary non-profit citizen diplomacy organizations listed on our [Web site](#).

**Looking for inspiration with your relaxation?** Gather a group to read [Three Cups of Tea](#), the amazing story of

[USCCD National Awards](#) honoree Greg Mortenson. The book is available in both adult and youth versions for all readers.

**Other ideas?** Send us an email or a video clip letting us know what you are up to and we may post it on our web site or in a future newsletter.  
*Enjoy your summer!*

## U.S. Center Looking for Summer Volunteers!

U.S. CENTER FOR CITIZEN DIPLOMACY 

The U.S. Center is looking for volunteers to assist with a summer Web project and general administrative work. **Web project volunteers can be anywhere in the country.**

If you are interested, [find out more and fill out a volunteer form on our Web site.](#)

## News from Citizen Diplomacy Organizations

[The Council on Standards for International Travel \(CSIET\)](#) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State and the youth exchange community, recently launched a new public service campaign: "Host Exchange Students." The campaign encourages American families and schools to get involved in citizen diplomacy by opening their communities to foreign exchange students and features a new website, [www.hoststudents.org](http://www.hoststudents.org).

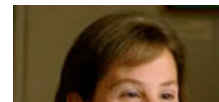
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[ePals](#) has recently been selected by the [International Baccalaureate \(IB\)](#) to implement and manage a customized hosted learning community for IB students, educators and alumni around the world. The innovative site will utilize communication tools to create authentic K-12 learning experiences and interactions on a global scale.

***Congratulations to USCCD Board Member George DeBakey, Director of Business Development and Corporate Sponsorship for ePals, and Advisory Council Member John Hishmeh, Executive Director for CSIET on the latest accomplishments of these two organizations!***

## Board and Advisory Updates

The U.S. Center is proud to welcome **Ambassador Linda Jewell** to the [Board of Directors](#) of the U.S. Center.



Amb. Jewell serves as Vice President of [ISEP - International Student Exchange Programs](#), and is former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.



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Congratulations to USCCD [Advisory Council](#) member and former Congressman **James Leach** who was recently nominated as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities by President Barack Obama. The position will require confirmation from the Senate.

Regarding the nomination, President Obama said, "Jim is a valued and dedicated public servant and I look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead."

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