



H.RES. 1332 – RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING FOSTER YOUTH TO THE WORKFORCE THROUGH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, AND ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1332 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Dennis Cardoza (D-CA) on July 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1332 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1332 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, such as the Orphan Foundation of America's InternAmerica program, that provide foster youth the foundation upon which to build their careers and to be successful members of the work force; and
- Encourages employers of all sectors and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies to increase employment of the young men and women who have been discharged from foster care in the United States.

BACKGROUND

Since its founding in 1994, the Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) has offered foster youths opportunities to obtain summer internships in Washington D.C. through its InternAmerica program. These internships are usually in Congressional member offices, and provide these foster youths with the opportunity to develop professional skills in a real-world setting.

This past June, the OFA selected 22 college students to participate in the program. The students internships lasted from May 20 –June 12, and included weekly professional development and leadership workshops.

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