



H.Res. 56 - Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 56 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House under a motion to suspend the rules. This resolution was introduced by Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) on January 13, 2009.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 56 resolves that the United States House of Representatives honors and recognizes the contributions of school counselors to the success of students in our Nation's elementary and secondary schools; and encourages the people of the United States to observe 'National School Counseling Week' with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the crucial role school counselors play in preparing students for fulfilling lives as contributing members of society.

BACKGROUND

The American School Counselor Association declared February 2 through February 6, 2009 as 'National School Counseling Week.' National School Counseling Week highlights the impact that school counselors have in helping students achieve academic success, plan for college, and develop career paths.

The average student-to-counselor ratio in American public schools is 476-1, which is almost double the 250-1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other organizations.

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