



## H.Res. 1202 – Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1202 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 Tom Davis (R-VA) on May 15, 2008. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ordered the resolution to be reported by voice vote on July 16, 2008.

H.Res. 1202 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 22, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1202 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day; and
- Calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

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### BACKGROUND

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is a preventive program for at-risk high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 18. The program focuses on citizenship, attaining a GED or high school diploma, and job skills training. The program is co-educational and lasts for 17 months. The National Guard Youth Challenge Program incorporates some military training techniques, and is free of charge.

The National Guard Youth Challenge Program was established by Congress in 1993 as part of that year's Defense authorization bill. The program currently operates in 29 states and Puerto Rico, and is administered by the non-profit National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation.

It is estimated that 1.2 million American youth drop out of high school annually. Approximately 30 percent of these dropouts are unemployed and about 24 percent receive welfare. In addition, high school dropouts make up 67 percent of the prison population in the United States.

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