



H.RES. 952 – EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL TEACHER DAY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE TEACHERS IN THE UNITED STATES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 952 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 Ron Klein (D-FL) on January 29, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the bill by voice vote on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 952 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 952 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- There should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers; and
- The President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

BACKGROUND

Teachers of preschool, kindergarten, and grade school made up approximately 4 million jobs in 2006. Of these roughly 4 million teachers, over 3 million taught grade school, 437 thousand taught preschool and 170 thousand taught kindergarten.

Since 1985, the National Education Association (NEA) has recognized the first Tuesday in May as National Teacher Day, this year falling on May 6, 2008. National Teacher Day coincides with National Teacher Appreciation Week, which was recognized by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) as the first full week in May also starting in 1985.

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