

Public Law 101-15
101st Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate April 16, 1989, and April 6, 1990, as "Education Day, U.S.A.".

Apr. 18, 1989
[H.J. Res. 173]

Whereas Congress recognizes the historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation was founded;

Whereas these ethical values and principles have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws;

Whereas without these ethical values and principles the edifice of civilization stands in serious peril of returning to chaos;

Whereas society is profoundly concerned with the recent weakening of these principles that has resulted in crises that beleaguer and threaten the fabric of civilized society;

Whereas the justified preoccupation with these crises must not let the citizens of this Nation lose sight of their responsibility to transmit these historical ethical values from our distinguished past to the generations of the future;

Whereas the Lubavitch movement through its over one hundred and fifty centers in the United States and many more the world over has fostered and promoted these ethical values and principles throughout the world;

Whereas Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement, is universally respected and revered and his eighty-seventh year will be seen as the year of continued "turn and return", the year in which we continue to turn to an education which will return the world to the moral and ethical values contained in the Seven Noahide Laws;

Whereas, this year of 1989 (5749 on the Hebrew calendar) is the "40th Anniversary" in which the Rebbe completes the fourth decade since his ascension to the world leadership of the Lubavitch movement and spiritual guidance of world Jewry; and

Whereas this has been reflected in the "international scroll of honor" which has been signed by the President of the United States and other heads of state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 16, 1989, the eighty-seventh birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader and head of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, and April 6, 1990, are each designated as "Education Day, U.S.A.". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe each such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. We also call on heads of state of the world to

join our President in this tribute by signing similar scrolls of honor which will be presented in their respective countries this year of the "40th Anniversary". On this occasion we would also welcome the cooperation of the Department of State in extending the good office of the United States missions to the Lubavitcher emissaries.

Approved April 18, 1989.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 173:

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 135 (1989):

Apr. 5, considered and passed House.

Apr. 7, considered and passed Senate.