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Joint Resolution

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To designate the period commencing April 1, 1984, and ending March 31, 1985, as the "Year of Excellence in Education".

Whereas the future of our Nation depends on the quality of education today;
Whereas every child is a precious resource whose potential should be realized to the fullest;
Whereas preservation of our priceless legacy of democracy, individual liberty, and rule of law requires informed citizens;
Whereas an economy based increasingly on technical competence will impose new demands on our schools;
Whereas the National Commission on Educational Excellence and numerous other nationwide studies have concluded that there is an urgent need to improve our American education;
Whereas a national effort is necessary to revitalize our educational system;
Whereas academic excellence requires parental involvement;
Whereas a quality education for our teachers is essential to ensure the competence of our Nation's future leaders; and
Whereas local community and volunteer efforts in support of education require more national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period commencing April 1, 1984, and ending March 31, 1985, is designated as the "Year of Excellence in Education", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation encouraging parents, teachers, administrators, government officials, and people of the United States to observe the year with activities aimed at restoring the American educational system to its place of preeminence among the nations of the world.

Approved May 3, 1984.

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