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# S. RES. 190

To express the sense of the Senate regarding reductions in class size.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

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## RESOLUTION

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in class size.

Whereas long-range projections by the Bureau of the Census indicate a rising number of births, rising to 4,200,000 in 2010 and 4,600,000 in 2020;

Whereas in the coming years the population of school-aged children is expected to increase to a record 52,200,000;

Whereas academic achievement for all students is one of our Nation's highest priorities;

Whereas increased enrollments have resulted in a further increase of the average class size;

Whereas research has shown that children in small classes in the earliest grades achieve better academically than the peers of such children in larger classes;

Whereas research has shown substantial lasting benefits for children who were in small classes during the earliest grades;

Whereas smaller classes allow students to receive more individual attention from their teachers, and reduce teachers' burden of managing large numbers of students and the other work of the teachers; and

Whereas several States have been forward thinking in trying to address this classroom size problem: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) experiments in reducing class size have had  
3       an effect on academic achievement in the earliest  
4       grades; and

5               (2) the Senate should seek to assist States in  
6       the efforts of States to reduce class size and access  
7       the benefits of such a reduction.

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