

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 146

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids to Vote Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Mrs. LINCOLN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids
to Vote Day.

Whereas voting is a civic duty and critical to democracy;

Whereas voting participation rates in the United States for
all age groups have fallen dramatically since 1972;

Whereas voting participation rates are lower among young
voters;

Whereas only 32 percent of individuals 18 through 24 years
of age voted in the last Presidential election;

Whereas large numbers of young people feel disconnected
from government;

Whereas many younger adults report that they do not know
how to vote;

Whereas, according to a 2002 study by the Council for Excellence in Government, children who go to the polls with their parents are more likely to go to the polls and vote as adults than their peers;

Whereas parents should talk to their children about the importance of voting;

Whereas a number of businesses and organizations have designated November 5, 2002, as National Take Your Kids to Vote Day in order to encourage people to vote; and

Whereas many Americans will go to the polls on November 5, 2002, to elect a new Congress: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideas of National
4 Take Your Kids to Vote Day;

5 (2) encourages all voting eligible parents with
6 children who are younger than 18 years of age to
7 talk to their children about the importance of voting
8 and, if possible, take their children to the polls; and

9 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
10 mation calling on the people of the United States to
11 conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-
12 grams to promote voting as a family tradition.

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