

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 292

Designating the week beginning February 2, 2004, as “National School Counseling Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2004

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 2, 2004

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning February 2, 2004, as  
“National School Counseling Week”.

Whereas the American School Counselor Association has declared the week beginning February 2, 2004, as “National School Counseling Week”;

Whereas the Senate has recognized the importance of school counseling through the inclusion of elementary and secondary school counseling programs in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

Whereas school counselors have long advocated that the American education system must leave no child behind and must provide opportunities for every student;

Whereas personal and social growth results in increased academic achievement;

Whereas school counselors help develop well-rounded students by guiding them through their academic, personal, social, and career development;

Whereas school counselors were instrumental in helping students, teachers, and parents deal with the trauma of terrorism inflicted on the United States on September 11, 2001, and its aftermath;

Whereas students face myriad challenges every day, including peer pressure, depression, and school violence;

Whereas school counselors are usually the only professionals in a school building that are trained in both education and mental health;

Whereas the roles and responsibilities of school counselors are often misunderstood, and the school counselor position is often among the first to be eliminated in order to meet budgetary constraints;

Whereas the national average ratio of students to school counselors of 485 to 1 is more than double the 250 to 1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other organizations; and

Whereas the celebration of “National School Counseling Week” would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school counselors play in the lives of the Nation’s students: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL COUN-**  
2 **SELING WEEK.**

3 (a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
4 Senate that the President should designate the week be-  
5 ginning February 2, 2004, as “National School Coun-  
6 seling Week”.

7 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the Presi-  
8 dent to issue a proclamation—

9 (1) designating the week beginning February 2,  
10 2004, as “National School Counseling Week”; and

11 (2) calling on the people of the United States  
12 and interested groups to observe the week with ap-  
13 propriate ceremonies and activities that promote  
14 awareness of the role school counselors perform  
15 within the school and the community at large to pre-  
16 pare students for fulfilling lives as contributing  
17 members of society.

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