

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 617

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness
and Prevention Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2005

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating
Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

Whereas 1 in 3 female high school students reports being
physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Whereas over 40 percent of male and female high school stu-
dents surveyed had been victims of dating violence at
least once;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious
ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for sub-
stance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, sui-
cide, and adult re-victimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has
been shown to increase if the pattern was established in
adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem;

Whereas the week of February 6, 2006, has been recognized as an appropriate week for activities furthering awareness of teen dating violence; and

Whereas recognizing a “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week” would benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives should
- 2 raise awareness of teen dating violence in the Nation by
- 3 supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating
- 4 Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

