## 112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. RES. 371

Expressing support for designation of a "Hear My Cry Day" in schools across the United States.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of a "Hear My Cry Day" in schools across the United States.

- Whereas excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings;
- Whereas the safety, well-being, and learning environments of students are unnecessarily jeopardized by bullying in schools;
- Whereas public schools and school districts are taking a proactive stance against the growing problem of bullying;
- Whereas given the opportunity, students can band together in a unified effort to rid their campuses of bullying;
- Whereas the mission of public schools is to educate students to become law-abiding citizens and productive members of society;

Whereas schools and classrooms provide ideal settings for students to be educated about the effects of bullying;

- Whereas STOP DAY, initiated by Dade County Public Schools to raise awareness and combat violence in schools, has proven successful through peer-to-peer education; and
- Whereas the Department of Education is committed to promoting and fostering classrooms in which students are free to reach their full potential: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
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- (1) expresses support for a "Hear My Cry Day" in schools across the United States;
- 4 (2) encourages every child, in every school, in
  5 every district, in every State in the United States to
  6 stop and recite a pledge against bullying that will be
  7 administered by President Barack Obama and Sec8 retary of Education Arne Duncan at noon on "Hear
  9 My Cry Day"; and
- 10 (3) encourages that the remainder of the school
  11 day be devoted to activities and events that further
  12 the goal of eliminating bullying from every United
  13 States public school.

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