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H. RES. 521

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Middle Level Education Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2014

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. TAKANO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Middle Level Education Month”.

Whereas the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Association for Middle Level Education, the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals have declared the month of March 2014 as “National Middle Level Education Month”;

Whereas schools that educate middle grades students play a critical function in the Nation’s educational system in that they are responsible for educating young adolescents between the ages of 10 and 15 (grades 5 through 9) that are undergoing rapid and dramatic changes in their physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development;

Whereas each day nearly 24,000,000 young adolescents enter school deserving what research and practice have shown to help middle grades students achieve, including challenging and engaging instruction, teachers and administrators that are knowledgeable and prepared in order to provide young adolescents with a safe, challenging, and supportive learning environment, and organizational structures that banish anonymity and promote personalization, collaboration, and social equity;

Whereas the habits and values established during early adolescence have a critical, life-long influence that directly impacts the future health and welfare of the Nation;

Whereas research has found that the academic achievement of eighth grade students has a larger impact on their readiness for college by the end of high school than anything that happens academically in high school;

Whereas in order to improve graduation rates and prepare students to be life-long learners ready for college, career, and citizenship, a deeper public understanding of the distinctive mission of the middle level is necessary; and

Whereas the month of March 2014 has been declared as “National Middle Level Education Month” by numerous educational groups: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Middle Level Education Month”;

4 (2) honors and recognizes the importance of
5 middle level education and the contributions of those
6 who educate this unique age group; and

1 (3) encourages the people of the United States
2 to observe “National Middle Level Education
3 Month” by taking opportunities to visit schools that
4 educate middle grades students and celebrate the
5 schools that are responsible for educating the Na-
6 tion’s young adolescents.

