

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 851

Expressing support for the designation of October 2025 as “National Foster Youth Voice Month”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of October 2025 as “National Foster Youth Voice Month”.

Whereas the voices of young people who have experienced foster care are crucial in shaping policies and practices that affect their lives and those of their peers;

Whereas organizations in more than 35 States have participated to empower young people in foster care to advocate for themselves and drive systemic change;

Whereas Foster Youth Voice Month, celebrated annually in October, promotes awareness and highlights the experiences, needs, and achievements of young people impacted by the foster care system in the United States;

Whereas an estimated 391,000 youth and young adults are impacted by the foster care system annually in the

United States, facing unique challenges and barriers to stability and success;

Whereas recognizing Foster Youth Voice Month nationally will encourage dialogue, collaboration, and support for initiatives focused on cocreating solutions that improve outcomes for young people in foster care; and

Whereas advocates across the United States have achieved significant policy victories and systems changes, demonstrating how lived experience informs and improves laws and policies, thereby reducing unintended harmful consequences: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “Foster Youth  
3       Voice Month” and encourages public awareness and  
4       participation in events and initiatives organized by  
5       youth in foster care;

6               (2) acknowledges the contributions and resil-  
7       ience of youth in foster care and urges Federal rec-  
8       ognition of Foster Youth Voice Month as an official  
9       awareness month; and

10              (3) acknowledges and celebrates policy victories  
11       and systems changes driven by young people with  
12       lived experience in foster care, and urges legislative  
13       bodies to recognize the value of lived experience in  
14       crafting laws and policies to improve outcomes for  
15       youth in foster care.

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