

first week in May as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Through their dedication and passion for service, teachers bridge the gap between the resources available and the vital need for a strong education, with sometimes too little compensation. They provide the tools necessary for success, and their sacrifice deserves national recognition.

So, in recognition of the crucial role teachers play in trying to make sure every child receives a quality education, it is appropriate we pass this important resolution.

Given the incredible teachers I have been fortunate to have over my life, it is appropriate for me to recognize and thank them. I am extraordinarily grateful for every teacher that I have had. They saw in me opportunities for growth—there sure was—but more important, they helped me to dream and to imagine I could be someone I wanted to be. I thank them for the skills they taught me and for helping me grow in the right direction. And I thank them for their love and care of me.

With that, I yield back my time.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I'd like to thank my friend from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) for bringing this resolution and to say that, after hearing the speakers today, it made me think about the impact some of my teachers had on my learning throughout my life. In the words of a famed historian and author, Henry Adams, he said, Teachers affect eternity because they can never tell you where their influence stops.

So, today, let us stand in support and recognition of the timeless influence of our country's teachers and educators by passing H. Res. 952, which expresses the sense of the House that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States, and I urge passage of the bill.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, as the only former state schools' chief serving in Congress, I rise today in appreciation of the lasting impact that teachers make on the lives of all Americans.

Each of us in the House have benefited from the care and guidance of a talented educator. Each of us knows, from personal experience and reports from our district, many of the amazing success stories in our schools today. These successes would not be possible without our dedicated teachers who lend their skills, experience, and passion to the task of educating our children.

I am profoundly thankful to all of my teachers, who pushed me to succeed and taught me valuable lessons. Ms. Flossie Barber, who taught me at the Cleveland School, was the personification of teaching. Stern and tough, but always caring with each and every student, her early lessons enabled me to achieve my goals and more. Coach Bruce Coats taught me what it meant to be a member of a team and how to contribute to the greater good. I hope that everyone has the privilege of great teachers like these, and remembers to give them thanks for their hard work and inspiration.

Too often, we do not give our teachers the respect and esteem that they deserve. This day, and really this whole week, is an opportunity to stop and remember the professional educators who work every day to build a bright future for our children and our Nation. Their efforts shape the world of tomorrow, and they deserve our support every day throughout the year.

Mr. Speaker, with your leadership, the New Direction Congress is ensuring that our teachers get the support they need to continue their work to educate our children. We have committed to fully funding No Child Left Behind and other federal mandates that have been shortchanged by the current administration. We also must pass new teacher training and staff development initiatives to help our educators hone and maintain the skills they need to teach our children well. We have made great strides in recent years to improve our schools, and, on this National Teacher Day should recommit to build on that record of success.

Improving education in this country is about creating a classroom environment where children can learn. My colleagues and I have crafted bipartisan legislation to provide critical investments in school construction and modernization across the country. The RANGEL-RAMSTAD-ETHERIDGE America's Better Classrooms Act will provide \$25 billion in interest-free bonds for local schools. This bill will make a real difference for our communities, our children, and their teachers. I have also introduced legislation to ensure that students and teachers have a safe place to learn that is equipped to respond to any disaster. The Schools Empowered to Respond Act will support schools in their efforts to keep children safe and implement robust emergency management plans. On this National Teacher Day, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation.

The work of our dedicated teachers inspires our students every day, and I have been inspired by so many educators who give much to our communities. I thank them for their work, and do so every day.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the establishment of a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers.

Teachers are the cornerstone of our Nation's schools. We ask them to be educators and mentors. We ask them to work long hours, keep order in crowded classrooms, and respond creatively to individual student needs. They consistently rise to meet the challenge.

We should recognize their contributions, but we should also take tangible steps to assist them. And that means funding for our schools, high quality training, and fair pay. It means making sure that every teacher is prepared to walk into the classroom and every teacher has support through the school day.

We trust our Nation's teachers with our most important task—caring for and educating our children. National Teacher Day will remind us to honor their commitment and support that mission.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN A. BOEHNER, REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 13, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Mr. Thomas has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Republican Leader.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCINTYRE) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 2419.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Flake moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 (an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012) be instructed not to recede to the provisions contained in subtitle A of title XII of the Senate amendment (relating to a permanent agriculture disaster assistance program).

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 952, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 1011, de novo; and

H. Res. 1109, de novo.

Postponed votes on remaining motions to suspend will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

# SENSE OF HOUSE OF ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 0, not voting 63, as follows:

[Roll No. 240]

YEAS—368

Abercrombie	Cantor	Engel
Ackerman	Capito	English (PA)
Aderholt	Capps	Eshoo
Akin	Capuano	Etheridge
Alexander	Cardoza	Everett
Allen	Carnahan	Fallin
Altmire	Carney	Farr
Arcuri	Carter	Fattah
Baca	Castle	Feeney
Bachmann	Castor	Ferguson
Bachus	Chabot	Filner
Baird	Chandler	Flake
Baldwin	Clarke	Forbes
Barrett (SC)	Clay	Fortenberry
Barrow	Cleaver	Foster
Bartlett (MD)	Clyburn	Fox
Barton (TX)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Becerra	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Berkley	Cole (OK)	Frelinghuysen
Berman	Conaway	Gallely
Berry	Conyers	Garrett (NJ)
Biggert	Cooper	Giffords
Bilbray	Costa	Gillibrand
Bilirakis	Courtney	Gingrey
Bishop (GA)	Crenshaw	Gohmert
Bishop (NY)	Crowley	Gonzalez
Blackburn	Cubin	Goode
Blumenauer	Cummings	Goodlatte
Blunt	Davis (CA)	Granger
Boehner	Davis (KY)	Graves
Bonner	Davis, David	Green, Al
Bono Mack	Davis, Tom	Green, Gene
Boozman	Deal (GA)	Grijalva
Boren	DeFazio	Gutierrez
Boswell	DeGette	Hall (NY)
Boucher	Delahunt	Hall (TX)
Boustany	DeLauro	Hare
Boyd (FL)	Dent	Harman
Boyd (KS)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hastings (FL)
Brady (PA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hastings (WA)
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Hayes
Braley (IA)	Doggett	Hensarling
Broun (GA)	Donnelly	Heger
Brown (SC)	Doyle	Herseth Sandlin
Brown, Corrine	Drake	Higgins
Brown-Waite,	Dreier	Hill
Ginny	Duncan	Hinchey
Burgess	Edwards	Hinojosa
Buyer	Ellison	Hirono
Calvert	Ellsworth	Hobson
Camp (MI)	Emanuel	Hodes
Cannon	Emerson	Holden

Holt	McNerney	Schakowsky
Honda	McNulty	Schiff
Hooley	Meek (FL)	Schmidt
Hoyer	Meeks (NY)	Schwartz
Hunter	Melancon	Scott (GA)
Inglis (SC)	Mica	Scott (VA)
Israel	Michaud	Sensenbrenner
Issa	Miller (FL)	Serrano
Jackson (IL)	Miller (MI)	Sestak
Jackson-Lee	Miller (NC)	Shadegg
(TX)	Miller, Gary	Shays
Jefferson	Miller, George	Shea-Porter
Johnson (GA)	Mitchell	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Moore (KS)	Shimkus
Johnson, Sam	Moran (KS)	Shuster
Jordan	Moran (VA)	Simpson
Kagen	Murphy (CT)	Sires
Kanjorski	Murphy, Patrick	Skelton
Kaptur	Murphy, Tim	Slaughter
Keller	Musgrave	Smith (NE)
Kennedy	Myrick	Smith (NJ)
Kildee	Nadler	Smith (TX)
Kind	Napolitano	Snyder
King (IA)	Neugebauer	Solis
Kingston	Nunes	Souder
Kirk	Obey	Space
Klein (FL)	Oliver	Spratt
Kline (MN)	Ortiz	Stearns
Knollenberg	Pallone	Stupak
Kucinich	Pascarell	Sullivan
Kuhl (NY)	Pastor	Sutton
LaHood	Pearce	Tancredo
Lamborn	Pence	Tanner
Lampson	Perlmuter	Tauscher
Langevin	Peterson (MN)	Taylor
Larsen (WA)	Petri	Thompson (CA)
Larson (CT)	Pickering	Thornberry
Latham	Pitts	Tiahrt
LaTourette	Platts	Tierney
Latta	Poe	Towns
Lee	Pomeroy	Tsongas
Levin	Porter	Turner
Lewis (CA)	Price (GA)	Udall (CO)
Lewis (GA)	Price (NC)	Udall (NM)
Lewis (KY)	Putnam	Upton
Linder	Rahall	Van Hollen
LoBiondo	Ramstad	Velázquez
Loeb sack	Rangel	Visclosky
Lofgren, Zoe	Regula	Walberg
Lowey	Rehberg	Walden (OR)
Lucas	Reichert	Walsh (NY)
Lungren, Daniel	Renzi	Walz (MN)
E.	Reyes	Wasserman
Lynch	Reynolds	Schultz
Mack	Richardson	Waters
Mahoney (FL)	Rodriguez	Watson
Manzullo	Rogers (AL)	Watt
Markey	Rogers (KY)	Waxman
Matheson	Ros-Lehtinen	Welch (VT)
Matsui	Roskam	Weller
McCarthy (CA)	Ross	Westmoreland
McCarthy (NY)	Rothman	Whitfield (KY)
McCaul (TX)	Roybal-Allard	Wilson (NM)
McCollum (MN)	Royce	Wilson (OH)
McCotter	Ruppersberger	Wilson (SC)
McCrery	Ryan (OH)	Wittman (VA)
McDermott	Ryan (WI)	Woolsey
McGovern	Salazar	Wu
McHugh	Sali	Wynn
McIntyre	Sánchez, Linda	Yarmuth
McKeon	T.	Young (AK)
McMorris	Sanchez, Loretta	Young (FL)
Rodgers	Sarbanes	

NOT VOTING—63

Andrews	Gordon	Payne
Bean	Heller	Peterson (PA)
Bishop (UT)	Hoekstra	Pryce (OH)
Buchanan	Hulshof	Radanovich
Burton (IN)	Inslie	Rogers (MI)
Butterfield	Johnson (IL)	Rohrabacher
Campbell (CA)	Jones (NC)	Rush
Carson	Jones (OH)	Saxton
Costello	Kilpatrick	Sessions
Cramer	King (NY)	Shuler
Cuellar	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Culberson	Maloney (NY)	Speier
Davis (AL)	Marchant	Stark
Davis (IL)	Marshall	Terry
Davis, Lincoln	McHenry	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	Mollohan	Tiberi
Doolittle	Moore (WI)	Wamp
Ehlers	Murtha	Weiner
Fossella	Neal (MA)	Weldon (FL)
Gerlach	Oberstar	Wexler
Gilchrest	Paul	Wolf

□ 1905

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the vote.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 202, noes 168, not voting 61, as follows:

[Roll No. 241]

AYES—202

Abercrombie	Filner	McIntyre
Ackerman	Foster	McNerney
Allen	Frank (MA)	McNulty
Altmire	Giffords	Meek (FL)
Arcuri	Gillibrand	Meeks (NY)
Baca	Gonzalez	Melancon
Baird	Green, Al	Michaud
Baldwin	Green, Gene	Miller (NC)
Barrow	Grijalva	Miller, George
Becerra	Gutierrez	Mitchell
Berkley	Hall (NY)	Moore (KS)
Berman	Hare	Moore (WI)
Berry	Harman	Moran (VA)
Bishop (GA)	Hastings (FL)	Murphy (CT)
Bishop (NY)	Herseth Sandlin	Murphy, Patrick
Blumenauer	Higgins	Nadler
Boren	Hill	Napolitano
Boswell	Hinchey	Obey
Boucher	Hinojosa	Oliver
Boyd (FL)	Hirono	Ortiz
Boyd (KS)	Hodes	Pallone
Brady (PA)	Holden	Pascarell
Braley (IA)	Holt	Pastor
Brown, Corrine	Honda	Perlmuter
Capps	Hooley	Peterson (MN)
Capuano	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Cardoza	Israel	Price (NC)
Carnahan	Jackson (IL)	Rahall
Carney	Jackson-Lee	Rangel
Castor	(TX)	Reyes
Chandler	Jefferson	Richardson
Clarke	Johnson (GA)	Rodriguez
Clay	Johnson, E. B.	Ross
Cleaver	Kagen	Rothman
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Roybal-Allard
Cohen	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Conyers	Kennedy	Ryan (OH)
Cooper	Kildee	Salazar
Costa	Kind	Sánchez, Linda
Courtney	Klein (FL)	T.
Crowley	Kucinich	Sanchez, Loretta
Cummings	Lampson	Sarbanes
Davis (CA)	Langevin	Schakowsky
DeFazio	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Schwartz
Delahunt	Lee	Scott (GA)
DeLauro	Levin	Scott (VA)
Dingell	Lewis (GA)	Serrano
Doggett	Loeb sack	Sestak
Donnelly	Lofgren, Zoe	Shea-Porter
Doyle	Lowey	Sherman
Edwards	Lynch	Sires
Ellison	Mahoney (FL)	Skelton
Ellsworth	Markey	Slaughter
Emanuel	Matheson	Snyder
Engel	Matsui	Solis
Eshoo	McCarthy (NY)	Space
Etheridge	McCollum (MN)	Spratt
Farr	McDermott	Stupak
Fattah	McGovern	Sutton