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H. CON. RES. 346

Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Day of Silence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2002

Mr. ENGEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Day of
Silence.

Whereas the National Day of Silence is a day on which students take a vow to remain silent for a full day in order to bring attention to the discrimination faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people;

Whereas the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), in partnership with the United States Student Association (USSA), has designated April 10, 2002, as the National Day of Silence;

Whereas the 2001 National School Climate Survey issued by GLSEN illustrates the pervasive harassment and victimization of LGBT students;

Whereas 8 out of every 10 LGBT students have been verbally harassed by their peers because of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

Whereas 4 out of every 10 LGBT students have been physically assaulted by their peers because of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

Whereas 43 States do not have laws protecting lesbian, gay, and bisexual students from discrimination and harassment at school;

Whereas 48 States do not have laws protecting transgender students from discrimination and harassment at school; and

Whereas every child, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, should be guaranteed an education free from discrimination and harassment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
4 tional Day of Silence;

5 (2) encourages each State to adopt laws to pro-
6 hibit discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual,
7 and transgender students and school staff;

8 (3) encourages each school district in the
9 United States to adopt policies to prohibit discrimi-
10 nation against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
11 transgender students and school staff; and

12 (4) requests that the President issue a procla-
13 mation calling on the people of the United States to

- 1 observe the National Day of Silence with appropriate
- 2 ceremonies, programs, and activities.

