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# H. RES. 68

Supporting the contributions of Catholic schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. LATTA, Mr. FLOOD, Mrs. BICE, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. STEIL, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the contributions of Catholic schools.

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States are internationally acclaimed for their academic excellence and provide approximately 1,700,000 students with more than an exceptional scholastic education;

Whereas Catholic schools instill a broad, values-added education emphasizing the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in young people in the United States;

Whereas Catholic schools serve the Nation by providing a diverse student population from all regions of the country and all socioeconomic backgrounds with a strong aca-

demic and moral foundation, including 21.5 percent of students from racial minority backgrounds, 18.6 percent from Hispanic heritage, and 20.3 percent from non-Catholic families;

Whereas Catholic schools are an affordable option for parents, particularly in underserved urban areas;

Whereas Catholic schools produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development;

Whereas Catholic schools are committed to community service, producing graduates who hold “helping others” among their core values;

Whereas the total Catholic school student enrollment for the 2022–2023 academic year is 1,700,000, and the student-teacher ratio is 11 to 1;

Whereas the Catholic high school graduation rate is 98.9 percent, with 85.2 percent of graduates attending 4-year colleges;

Whereas the week of January 29, 2023, to February 4, 2023, has been designated as “National Catholic Schools Week” by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops;

Whereas National Catholic Schools Week was first established in 1974 and has been celebrated annually for the past 49 years; and

Whereas the theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2023 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Faith. Excellence. Service.” and reflects Catholic schools’ purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor, and

enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals of National Catholic  
3       Schools Week, an event—

4                       (A) cosponsored by the National Catholic  
5       Educational Association and the United States  
6       Conference of Catholic Bishops; and

7                       (B) established to recognize the vital con-  
8       tributions of the thousands of Catholic elemen-  
9       tary and secondary schools in the United  
10       States;

11               (2) applauds the National Catholic Educational  
12       Association and the United States Conference of  
13       Catholic Bishops on their selection of a theme that  
14       all can celebrate; and

15               (3) supports—

16                       (A) the dedication of Catholic schools, stu-  
17       dents, parents, and teachers across the United  
18       States toward academic excellence; and

19                       (B) the key role they play in promoting  
20       and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the  
21       Nation.

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