

114TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 111

Designating March 2015 as “National Middle Level Education Month”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2015

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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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 March 2015 as “National Middle Level Education Month”;

Whereas schools that educate middle level students are responsible for educating nearly 24,000,000 young adolescents between the ages of 10 and 15, in grades 5 through 9, who are undergoing rapid and dramatic changes in their physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development;

Whereas young adolescents deserve challenging and engaging instruction and knowledgeable teachers and administrators who are prepared to provide young adolescents with a safe, challenging, and supportive learning environment;

Whereas young adolescents deserve organizational structures that banish anonymity and promote personalization, collaboration, and social equity;

Whereas the habits and values established during early adolescence have a lifelong influence that directly affects the future health and welfare of the United States;

Whereas research indicates that the academic achievement of a student in grade 8 has a larger impact on the readiness of that student for an institution of higher education at the end of high school than any academic achievement of that student in high school; and

Whereas in order to improve graduation rates and prepare students to be lifelong learners who are ready for an institution of higher education or a career and civic participation, the people of the United States must have a deeper understanding of the distinctive mission of middle level education: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates March 2015 as “National Middle  
3       Level Education Month”;

4               (2) honors and recognizes the importance of  
5       middle level education and the contributions of the  
6       individuals who educate middle level students; and

7               (3) encourages the people of the United States  
8       to observe National Middle Level Education Month

1 by visiting and celebrating schools that are respon-  
2 sible for educating young adolescents in the United  
3 States.

