

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 497

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids to Vote Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2002

Mr. SCHAFER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideas of National Take Your Kids to Vote Day.

Whereas voting is a civic duty and critical to democracy;

Whereas voting participation rates in the United States for all age groups have fallen dramatically since 1972;

Whereas voting participation rates are lower among younger voters;

Whereas only 42 percent of individuals between the ages of 18 to 24 voted in the last Presidential election;

Whereas large numbers of young people feel disconnected from government;

Whereas many younger adults report that they do not know how to vote;

Whereas, according to a 2002 study by the Council for Excellence in Government, children who go to the polls with their parents are more likely to go to the polls and vote as adults;

Whereas parents should talk to their children about the importance of voting; and

Whereas a number of businesses and organizations have designated November 5, 2002, as National Take Your Kids to Vote Day in order to encourage people to vote: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports the goals and ideas of National
4 Take Your Kids to Vote Day;

5 (2) encourages all parents with children who
6 are younger than 18 years of age to talk to their
7 children about the importance of voting and, if pos-
8 sible, take their children to the polls; and

9 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
10 mation calling on the people of the United States to
11 conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-
12 grams to promote voting as a family tradition.

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