

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 346

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

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## 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

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## 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.

