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Designating October 7, 2005, as “National ‘It’s Academic’ Television Quiz Show Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Designating October 7, 2005, as “National ‘It’s Academic’ Television Quiz Show Day”.

Whereas “It’s Academic”, the Nation’s foremost televised high school quiz show, will begin its 45th season on NBC4 in Washington, District of Columbia, and is the longest running television quiz show in the Nation’s history;

Whereas “It’s Academic” has used the power of television to motivate and showcase 2 generations of students in cities across the country, including students in Washington, District of Columbia; Baltimore, Maryland; Charlottesville, North Carolina; Buffalo, New York City, and Rochester, New York; Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; Honolulu, Hawaii; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; Denver, Colorado; Cincinnati and

Cleveland, Ohio; Jacksonville, Florida; Norfolk, Virginia; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Wilmington, Delaware; and students throughout the state of Kentucky;

Whereas each year hundreds of secondary schools—public, parochial, private, suburban, rural, and inner-city—compete on “It’s Academic”, demonstrating a diverse student population focused on academic excellence and encouraging community support for education;

Whereas the dedicated teachers who work with the teams and prepare them for the competition on “It’s Academic” are introduced on the program, providing those teachers with positive recognition that reflects on the entire teaching profession;

Whereas the corporate sponsors of “It’s Academic” have generously given scholarship grants to participating schools to help students pursue their education;

Whereas “It’s Academic” has encouraged academic excellence by promoting academic competition as a motivating factor and generates the same adulation and respect for student scholars as for student athletes; and

Whereas “It’s Academic” continues to provide a forum for showcasing academic excellence at the high school level and for presenting a positive image of schools, teachers, and students, thereby helping to offset negative stereotypes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 7, 2005, as “National

3 ‘It’s Academic’ Television Quiz Show Day”; and

- 1 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
- 2 observe the day by supporting the academic success
- 3 of students and their local schools.

