

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 979

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the  
Common Core State Standards Initiative.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Mr. FATAH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in  
support of the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Whereas the Common Core State Standards Initiative is a  
joint effort by the National Governors Association Center  
for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School  
Officers in partnership with Achieve, ACT, and the Col-  
lege Board;

Whereas governors and State commissioners of education  
from across the country committed to joining a State-led  
process to develop a common core of State standards in  
English-language arts and mathematics for grades K–12;

Whereas these standards will be research and evidence-based,  
internationally benchmarked, aligned with college and  
work expectations, and include rigorous content and  
skills;

Whereas the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers are coordinating the process to develop these standards and have created an expert validation committee to provide an independent review of the common core State standards, as well as the grade-by-grade standards;

Whereas students in the United States compete with peers across the country and around the world; and

Whereas the future economic, diplomatic, and military strength of the United States will be determined by the quality of education available to the Nation's young people: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that the National Governors Association Cen-  
3       ter for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State  
4       School Officers should be commended for their efforts to  
5       increase the rigor, utility, and comparability of State aca-  
6       demic standards.

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