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S. RES. 117

Designating March 22, 2019, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors
Appreciation Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2019

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating March 22, 2019, as “National Rehabilitation
Counselors Appreciation Day”.

Whereas rehabilitation counselors support individuals with
disabilities by—

- (1) conducting assessments;
- (2) providing counseling;
- (3) supporting families; and
- (4) assisting in the development of individualized
plans for employment for individuals with disabilities who
are in need of rehabilitation;

Whereas the purpose of professional organizations for reha-
bilitation counseling and education is to promote the im-
provement of rehabilitation services available to individ-
uals with disabilities through—

- (1) quality education for counselors; and

(2) rehabilitation research;

Whereas various professional organizations have vigorously advocated for up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education, including—

(1) the National Rehabilitation Association;

(2) the Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association;

(3) the National Council on Rehabilitation Education;

(4) the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association;

(5) the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association;

(6) the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification;

(7) the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation; and

(8) the Council on Rehabilitation Education;

Whereas, in March of 1983, the president of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and was instrumental in bringing to the attention of Congress the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors; and

Whereas credentialed rehabilitation counselors provide a higher quality of service to individuals in need of rehabilitation, and the development of an accreditation system for rehabilitation counselors supports the continued education of rehabilitation counselors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates March 22, 2019, as “National
2 Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”; and

3 (2) commends—

4 (A) rehabilitation counselors for their dedi-
5 cation and hard work in providing counseling to
6 individuals with disabilities who are in need of
7 rehabilitation; and

8 (B) professional organizations for their ef-
9 forts in assisting individuals with disabilities
10 who are in need of rehabilitation.

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