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Joint Resolution

Designating "National High School Activities Week".

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Whereas more than half of the students in this Nation's senior high schools are involved in at least one extracurricular activity;

Whereas this "other half of education" plans a significant role in the total educational development of high school students;

Whereas participation in activities such as athletics, speech, music, debate, drama, and others generally leads to positive development for all and often leads to superior achievement;

Whereas participation and achievement in those areas often contribute to increased interest and performance in strictly academic

areas;

Whereas both academic and extracurricular achievement contribute greatly to the social development and interaction of all high

school students;

Whereas that development directly benefits local communities by channeling young people's interests and talents into positive efforts, and by instilling in them an early sense of civic duty and community pride;

Whereas former President Gerald R. Ford has agreed to act as honorary national chairman of the effort to recognize the important role of extracurricular activities in this Nation's high schools: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President should designate the week of October 17 through October 23, 1982, as "National High School Activities Week", in recognition of the valuable contribution that such programs make in developing the interests and talents of young people at the community level.

National High School Activities Week.

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