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[S.J. Res. 52]

To designate the month of April 1986 as "National School Library Month".

Whereas school libraries serve a critical function in American education and provide an information center for students at all levels of study;

Whereas elementary and secondary school libraries provide young people with their first exposure to books, and can instill a lifelong love of reading;

Whereas university and college libraries are the cornerstone of scholarly research, and house information and resources to be used for the improvement of all society;

Whereas school libraries at all educational levels provide a full range of media resources, including audio-visual aids, computers, works of art, and materials for the blind and handicapped;

Whereas school libraries, with their extensive collections, serve as an important link in interdisciplinary education;

Whereas school libraries rely on the dedication and talents of well-trained, well-read librarians and other support staff;

Whereas school libraries should be encouraged and assisted in efforts to expand and diversify collections to meet the changing needs of patrons; and

Whereas the special role school libraries play relative to American libraries in general and in American society warrants special recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of April 1986 is designated "National School Library Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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