

To the office of U.S. Representative Jahana Hayes

Re: HRES 1255 (119th Congress), Supporting the designation of the week of May 4 through May 8, 2026, as "Teacher Appreciation Week". • Latest action (2026-05-04): Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

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Teacher Appreciation Week Designation Resolution of 2026

The measure, as described from the official record: To express congressional support for a week-long observance honoring teachers, without imposing any legal or financial obligations.

THE PROPOSAL

The House of Representatives designates the week of May 4 through May 8, 2026, as "Teacher Appreciation Week." This resolution expresses the sense of the House that teachers play a vital role in the education and development of the nation's youth and that their contributions should be recognized and celebrated. The resolution does not authorize any expenditure of funds, create any legal rights or obligations, or impose any requirements on states, localities, or private entities. The House Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers for dissemination to their members. This resolution shall have no force of law and shall expire at the end of the 119th Congress.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Funding Source None required; no funds authorized.

Funding Amount \$0

Sunset Years 2 years

Oversight Body House Committee on Education and Workforce (for informational purposes only)

Enforcement None; this is a non-binding resolution with no legal effect.

Mechanism

Effective Date Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 (Rules of Proceedings)
- Tenth Amendment (reservation of powers to states)

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

Honors Democratic priorities by recognizing the value of public education and teachers' contributions, and honors Republican priorities by avoiding any federal mandates, spending, or encroachment on state and local control of education.

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