

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 12

Declaring the sense of Congress regarding periods of silence in the public schools.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. NEAL of North Carolina submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and Labor

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Declaring the sense of Congress regarding periods of silence in the public schools.

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress—

3            (1) that the Constitution of the United States  
4        does not preclude periods of silence to be used, solely  
5        at the discretion of the individual student in public  
6        schools, for quiet and private prayer, meditation,  
7        contemplation, or introspection, even if these mo-  
8        ments are supervised by a school official; and

1           (2) that public school authorities should recog-  
2           nize the historic importance of religion to our civili-  
3           zation by encouraging such periods of silence.

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