

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5357

To designate the Peace Corps World Wise Schools Program, an innovative education program that seeks to engage learners in an inquiry about the world, themselves, and others, as the “Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Program”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LINDER, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. NORWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Paul D. Coverdell
5 World Wise Schools Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Paul D. Coverdell was elected to the Geor-
4 gia State Senate in 1970 and later became Minority
5 Leader of the Georgia State Senate, a post he held
6 for 15 years.

7 (2) As the 11th Director of the Peace Corps
8 from 1989 to 1991, Paul Coverdell's dedication to
9 the ideals of peace and understanding helped to
10 shape today's Peace Corps.

11 (3) Paul D. Coverdell believed that Peace Corps
12 volunteers could not only make a difference in the
13 countries where they served but that the greatest
14 benefit could be felt at home.

15 (4) In 1989, Paul D. Coverdell founded the
16 Peace Corps World Wise Schools Program to help
17 fulfill the Third Goal of the Peace Corps, "to pro-
18 mote a better understanding of the people served
19 among people of the United States".

20 (5) The World Wise Schools Program is an in-
21 novative education program that seeks to engage
22 learners in an inquiry about the world, themselves,
23 and others in order to broaden perspectives; promote
24 cultural awareness; appreciate global connections;
25 and encourage service.

1 (6) In a world that is increasingly inter-
2 dependent and ever changing, the World Wise
3 Schools Program pays tribute to Paul D. Coverdell’s
4 foresight and leadership. In the words of one World
5 Wise Schools teacher, “It’s a teacher’s job to touch
6 the future of a child; it’s the Peace Corps’ job to
7 touch the future of the world. What more perfect
8 partnership.”.

9 (7) Paul D. Coverdell served in the United
10 States Senate from the State of Georgia from 1993
11 until his sudden death on July 18, 2000.

12 (8) Senator Paul D. Coverdell was beloved by
13 his colleagues for his civility, bipartisan efforts, and
14 his dedication to public service.

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF PAUL D. COVERDELL WORLD**
16 **WISE SCHOOLS PROGRAM.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Effective on the date of enact-
18 ment of this Act, the program under section 18 of the
19 Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2517) referred to before such
20 date as the “World Wise Schools Program” is redesign-
21 nated as the “Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools Pro-
22 gram”.

23 (b) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference before the date of
24 enactment of this Act in any law, regulation, order, docu-
25 ment, record, or other paper of the United States to the

- 1 Peace Corps World Wise Schools Program shall, on and
- 2 after such date, be considered to refer to the Paul D.
- 3 Coverdell World Wise Schools Program.

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