To designate November 17, 1987, as “National Community Education Day”.

Whereas public education is a community enterprise, and everyone in the community has a stake in the mission of educating adults as well as the community’s children;

Whereas local citizens have a right and a responsibility to be involved in deciding how the educational resources of the community should be used;

Whereas education reform should, in the words of A Nation at Risk, “focus on the goal of creating a Learning Society”;

Whereas the goal of community education is to promote parental involvement, lifelong learning, and educational partnerships;

Whereas each community should promote the use of community resources in schools and colleges, citizen involvement in educational decisionmaking, the use of community resources to provide educational opportunities for learners of all ages and educational backgrounds, and interagency cooperation to assure effective use of limited resources; and

Whereas community education encourages the participation of all generations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 17, 1987, is designated as “National Community Education Day”, and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved August 18, 1987.

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