

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Designating the week of February 5 through 9, 2018, as “National School Counseling Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 5 through 9, 2018, as
“National School Counseling Week”.

Whereas the American School Counselor Association has designated February 5 through 9, 2018, as “National School Counseling Week”;

Whereas school counselors have long advocated for equal opportunities for all students;

Whereas school counselors help develop well-rounded students by guiding students through academic, social and emotional, and career development;

Whereas personal and social growth results in increased academic achievement;

Whereas school counselors play a vital role in ensuring that students are ready for both college and careers;

Whereas school counselors play a vital role in making students aware of opportunities for financial aid and college scholarships;

Whereas school counselors assist with and coordinate efforts to foster a positive school climate, resulting in a safer learning environment for all students;

Whereas school counselors have been instrumental in helping students, teachers, and parents deal with personal trauma as well as tragedies in their communities and the United States;

Whereas students face myriad challenges every day, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, the deployment of family members to serve in conflicts overseas, and school violence;

Whereas a school counselor is one of the few professionals in a school building who is trained in both education and social and emotional development;

Whereas the roles and responsibilities of school counselors are often misunderstood;

Whereas the school counselor position is often among the first to be eliminated to meet budgetary constraints;

Whereas the national average ratio of students to school counselors is 482 to 1, almost twice the 250 to 1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and other organizations; and

Whereas the celebration of National School Counseling Week will increase awareness of the important and necessary role school counselors play in the lives of students in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of February 5 through
3 9, 2018, as “National School Counseling Week”;
4 and

5 (2) encourages the people of the United States
6 to observe National School Counseling Week with
7 appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote
8 awareness of the role school counselors play in
9 schools and the community at large in preparing
10 students for fulfilling lives as contributing members
11 of society.