

H. Res. 1311

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 22, 2008.

Whereas Congress created the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) in 1998 to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education;

Whereas increasing the number of low-income students who complete postsecondary education is critical to the health and vitality of our communities and the Nation as a whole;

Whereas GEAR UP is currently providing essential college preparatory services to 640,000 students in over 5,000 schools across 46 States, the District of Columbia, America Samoa, Palau, and Puerto Rico;

Whereas GEAR UP students are taking more rigorous and advanced courses, graduating from high school and enrolling in postsecondary education at rates significantly higher than their low-income peers;

Whereas these remarkable achievements are attributable to the selfless dedication of the students, families, education professionals, and business and community leaders involved in GEAR UP;

Whereas the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships and the Department of Education work in partnership to provide technical assistance and host national conferences to strengthen GEAR UP programs throughout the Nation; and

Whereas July 22, 2008, would be an appropriate day to designate as National GEAR UP Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives expresses support for the designation of a National GEAR UP Day.

Attest:

Clerk.