

118TH CONGRESS
2ND SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of January 21 through 27, 2024,
as “National Board Certified Teachers Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH,
Mr. KAINE, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. KING, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. SMITH)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of January 21
through 27, 2024, as “National Board Certified Teachers
Week”.

Whereas National Board Certification is based on rigorous
standards developed by teachers for teachers to dem-
onstrate the ability of teachers to advance student learn-
ing and achievement;

Whereas research shows that students taught by National
Board Certified Teachers learn more, especially in the
case of low-income students;

Whereas National Board Certified Teachers often positively
amplify their expertise by serving in leadership roles as

teacher mentors, principals, administrators, and district leaders;

Whereas National Board Certified Teachers rank National Board Certification as their most important ongoing formal education, above graduate-level coursework and other training programs;

Whereas National Board Certified Teachers are among the thousands of educators around the United States who play a critical role in addressing the learning loss incurred during the COVID–19 pandemic;

Whereas 29 States provide salary incentives for National Board Certified Teachers, including 13 States that prioritize incentives in high-needs schools;

Whereas 44 percent of National Board Certified Teachers serve students in schools receiving support under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.);

Whereas, in 2023, 3,527 teachers earned their National Board Certification for the first time and 6,697 teachers successfully maintained their certification, benefitting thousands of students across the country; and

Whereas, as of January 2024, there are a total of 137,015 teachers who have achieved National Board Certification:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of the week of
3 January 21 through 27, 2024, as “National Board
4 Certified Teacher Week”;

1 (2) recognizes the importance and contributions
2 of National Board Certified Teachers to student
3 learning and achievement; and

4 (3) encourages educators, administrators,
5 school districts, and States—

6 (A) to promote the growth of new National
7 Board Certified Teachers; and

8 (B) to provide the necessary incentives and
9 support to candidates for National Board Cer-
10 tification.