



H.RES. 259 – HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, ITS MEMBER SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THEIR ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS CAMPAIGNS

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 259 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) on April 8, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 259 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 259 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the important work the Meals On Wheels Association of America and its member senior nutrition programs throughout the country do in preventing senior hunger and improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of our nation's seniors each year,
- Recognizes the important role the Meals On Wheels Association of America and its member programs throughout the country's March For Meals campaigns play in increasing awareness of the need for senior nutrition programs and in raising non-Federal funds and soliciting volunteers to support and assist these programs in accomplishing their important mission,
- Honors the Meals On Wheels Association of America and its member programs for their continuing hard work and dedication on behalf of our nation's seniors, and
- Encourages Members of Congress to support their local senior nutrition programs by participating in their annual March For Meals events and delivering meals to homebound seniors in a community within their district or State.

BACKGROUND

The Meals on Wheels Association of America is the oldest and largest organization representing people who deliver meals to those in need. Meals on Wheels member programs provide nutrition meals and other nutrition services to the elderly, homebound, disabled, frail, or at risk throughout the United States.

Each March, Meals on Wheels programs across the country participate in March for Meals. The month of March is significant to Meals on Wheels because it is the month that the law was enacted to include senior meal programs in the Older Americans Act. The largest component of March for Meals is Mayors for Meals. On March 19, 2008, 1,084 mayors delivered meals to seniors in their communities.

According to the Meals on Wheels website, the first American home-delivered meal program began in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in January of 1954.

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