



H.RES. 892 – RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A "NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND MORTICIAN RECOGNITION DAY"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 892 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 Charles Wilson (D-OH) on December 18, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and was agreed to, as amended, by voice vote on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 892 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 29, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 892 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the designation of a "National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day".

BACKGROUND

Persons working in the funeral service profession as funeral directors work with bereaved individuals and families and care for the deceased in a variety of ways, including arranging and directing funeral services, preparing the body of the deceased according to the survivor's wishes and in accordance with the law, and filing death certificates and other legal documents.

According to the National Funeral Director's Association (NFDA), the funeral services industry has traditionally been a family business handed down from generation to generation, but current mortuary science graduation statistics show an increase of new professionals to the field with 51% of graduates being women. Today, the NFDA has over 20,300 members with more than 21,000 funeral homes in the U.S.

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