



## H.RES. 1119 – Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 1119 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 Todd Russell Platts (R-PA) on April 17, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1119 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 30, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 1119 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week;
- Acknowledges the diligent efforts of our major federally funded community service and volunteer programs;
- Recognizes with gratitude the contributions of the millions of dedicated and caring individuals who have chosen to serve others through volunteerism; and
- Encourages all American people, of any age and background, to seek out opportunities to serve through volunteerism.

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### BACKGROUND

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National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Nixon signed an Executive Order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. National Volunteer Week will be observed during the week of April 27, 2008 through May 3, 2008. The theme for this year is "Volunteer to Change the World." According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 61,000,000 people have volunteered in some capacity between the years of 2006 and 2007.

The Longitudinal Study of Aging at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that individuals who volunteer have lower mortality rates than those who do not volunteer. Volunteers are also typically healthier than those who do not volunteer.

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