



## H.CON.RES. 330 – SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 330 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 Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on April 17, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 330 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 30, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 330 resolves that it is the sense of Congress that:

- National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month provides a special opportunity to educate the people of the United States about sexual violence and to encourage the prevention of sexual assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the prosecution of its perpetrators;
- It is appropriate to properly acknowledge the more than 20,000,000 men and women who have survived sexual assault in the United States and salute the efforts of survivors, volunteers, and professionals who combat sexual assault;
- National and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, providing information and treatment to its survivors, and increasing the number of successful prosecutions of its perpetrators; and
- Public safety, law enforcement, and health professionals should be recognized and applauded for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases that result in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders.

The legislation states that Congress strongly recommends that national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, colleges and universities, and the media promote, through National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, awareness of sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of sexual assault.

Lastly, the bill states that Congress supports the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

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### BACKGROUND

According to the Department of Justice, in 2006 there were 272,350 instances of reported sexual assault, or just over one victim per thousand people in the U.S ages twelve and older. Sexual assault and rape are the most underreported violent crime in the U.S, with an estimated 41% of all occurrences sexual assault being reported in 2006.

The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (1-800-656-HOPE), which is a 24 hour resource with over 1,100 trained volunteers on duty nationwide to help victims of sexual assault. All calls to the hotline are confidential.



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Since 2001, the month of April has been recognized as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month by many organizations to spread awareness on the occurrence of sexual violence and methods of prevention.

[U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Statistics website](#)

[RAINN – National Sexual Assault Hotline website](#)

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