



H.Con.Res. 337 – Honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 337 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 Thomas Allen (D-ME) on April 29, 2008. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed to the resolution by unanimous consent on April 30, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 337 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 337 resolves that the House of Representatives, with the Senate concurring:

- Reaffirms that youth should be involved in long-term, visionary solutions to violent conflicts;
- Honors the accomplishments of Seeds of Peace in its 15 years of promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace among youth from the Middle East and other regions of conflict around the world; and
- Views Seeds of Peace as a highly creative and successful effort to achieve reconciliation among peoples from areas of conflict, which inspires great hope that nations in conflict ultimately can learn to live together in peace, cooperation, and security.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1993 by American journalist John Wallach, Seeds of Peace is a non-profit youth organization which brings together youth from conflict regions to discuss coexistence and conflict resolution. The organization is currently active in the Middle East and South Asia and has involved nearly 4,000 youth in its programs.

The Seeds of Peace program includes an International Camp in Maine for youth conferences, regional workshops, as well as educational and professional opportunities. Seeds of Peace is funded by individuals, foundations, corporations, and the Federal government. The organization has no religious or political affiliation.

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