

## House Resolution 1795

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging local school systems to adopt policies that encourage student civic and political  
2 participation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, students should be allowed to exercise their right to free speech when it is  
4 appropriate without punishment from a local school system; and

5 WHEREAS, encouraging students to exercise their right to free speech could lead to  
6 advancements in their education and service to the community; and

7 WHEREAS, local school systems should grant excused absences to students attending or  
8 participating in a civic or political event; and

9 WHEREAS, adopting such policies will encourage students to become civically and  
10 politically engaged within their communities.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 the members of this body urge local school systems to adopt policies that encourage student  
13 civic and political participation.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
16 public and press.