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Expressing support for the designation of the week of April 6 through April 10, 2026, as “National Assistant Principals Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of April 6 through April 10, 2026, as “National Assistant Principals Week”.

Whereas the National Association of Secondary School Principals (referred to in this preamble as “NASSP”), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (referred to in this preamble as “NAESP”), and the American Federation of School Administrators have designated the week of April 6 through April 10, 2026, as “National Assistant Principals Week”;

Whereas an assistant principal, as a member of the school administration, interacts with many sectors of the school community, including support staff, instructional staff, students, and parents;

Whereas assistant principals are responsible for establishing a positive learning environment and building strong relationships between their school and community;

Whereas assistant principals play a pivotal role in the instructional leadership of their schools by supervising student instruction, mentoring teachers, recognizing the achievements of staff, encouraging collaboration among staff, ensuring the implementation of best practices, monitoring student achievement and progress, facilitating and modeling data-driven decision making to inform instruction, and guiding the direction of targeted intervention and school improvement;

Whereas the day-to-day logistical operations of schools require assistant principals to monitor and address facility needs, attendance, transportation issues, and scheduling challenges, as well as to supervise extra- and co-curricular events;

Whereas assistant principals are entrusted with maintaining an inviting, safe, and orderly school environment that supports the growth and achievement of each and every student by nurturing positive peer relationships, recognizing student achievement, mediating conflicts, analyzing behavior patterns, providing interventions, and, when necessary, taking disciplinary actions;

Whereas, since its establishment in 2004, the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year Program has recognized outstanding middle and high school assistant principals who demonstrate success in leadership, curriculum, and personalization;

Whereas the NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal Program promotes the fundamental importance of

the assistant principal and honors exceptional elementary and middle-level assistant principals who demonstrate excellence in educational leadership and set high standards for students, colleagues, parents, and the community; and

Whereas the week of April 6 through April 10, 2026, is an appropriate week to designate as “National Assistant Principals Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National As-
3 sistant Principals Week”;

4 (2) honors the contributions of assistant prin-
5 cipals to the success of students in the United
6 States; and

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
8 to observe National Assistant Principals Week with
9 appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote
10 awareness of the role played by assistant principals
11 in school leadership and ensuring that every child
12 has access to a high-quality education.