

February 7, 2006: Sanchez Honors Catholic Schools in Congressional Statement

Remarks by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez Honoring Catholic Schools

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Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 657, a resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools to our nation.

I rise today in support of this resolution and in recognition of the teachers, parents, and schools administrations who dedicate themselves to the difficult task of creating a strong learning environment for students in Catholic schools everywhere.

I have dedicated my time in Congress to the issue of education and have worked to try to improve our educational system by supporting such initiatives as the creation of incentives for new teachers and increased funding for preschool programs.

It is in honor of this same pursuit by the Catholic schools of this nation that I rise today. These schools are charged with the most important responsibility in our society: Educating our children. The pursuit of excellence in education and opportunities for students in the area of music and the arts put these schools and educators in a class of their own.

The future of the American educational system is tenuous. To quote the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank Alan Greenspan in a recent congressional hearing regarding solving the education problem in this country, "if you don't solve it, nothing else is going to matter."

Many thanks to the Catholic school system for all it does to help meet this challenge and I call on my colleagues in Congress to join me in working to put the education of our children at the top of our legislative priorities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.