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# H. CON. RES. 96

Recognizing the historical significance of the 70th anniversary of the *Miller v. Board of Education of District of Columbia* decision.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 5, 2022

Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the historical significance of the 70th anniversary of the *Miller v. Board of Education of District of Columbia* decision.

Whereas equal access to a free public education in the United States is a right;

Whereas, prior to 1952, Black Deaf children in the District of Columbia were not permitted to attend the Kendall School for the Deaf on the Gallaudet College campus and were sent outside of the District for their education;

Whereas Louise Burrell Miller, the mother of 4 children, 3 of whom were deaf, filed suit in Federal court against the District of Columbia Board of Education on behalf of her

Black Deaf son, Kenneth, and other Black Deaf children who were denied admission to the Kendall School, with the aim of ending segregation and having their Black Deaf children educated within the District;

Whereas, on July 3, 1952, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled in their favor in *Miller v. Board of Education of District of Columbia*, stating that African Americans could not be sent outside a State or district to obtain the same education that White students could have within the State or district; and

Whereas this ruling led to the construction of the Kendall School Division II at Gallaudet in 1953, which educated 23 Black Deaf children until its closure in 1954 following the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, in which the Court decided unanimously that racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3            (1) recognizes the significance of the 70th anni-  
4        versary of the *Miller v. Board of Education of Dis-*  
5        trict of Columbia decision;

6            (2) honors the courage and leadership of Louise  
7        and Luther Miller and their children, Kenneth,  
8        Carol, Gerald, and Justin Miller; and

9            (3) remembers the 23 Black Deaf children who  
10       attended and the 4 teachers who taught at the seg-  
11       regated Kendall School Division II.

