

*Today is the 59th anniversary of National Teacher Day, part of Teacher Appreciation Week*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, **U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna** (NY-24) led an effort in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor our nation's teachers and their dedication to their profession and their students. Today marks the 59th anniversary of **National Teacher Appreciation Day**

Today is the highlight of Teacher Appreciation Week, which is traditionally observed the first full week of May. Rep. Hanna joined Rep. Larry Kissell (D-NC) to introduce House Resolution 645 to support the goals and ideals of National Teacher Day. There are over 15,000 teachers in the 24th Congressional District of New York.

"Education is one of our nation's great equalizers and it is thanks to men and women who dedicate their lives to being teachers," **Rep. Hanna said**. "Teachers help students cultivate the knowledge and principles to be successful in life. Everyone can thank a teacher for their selfless dedication to their profession and for their compassion to inspire and mold young students into successful adults."

"Teachers are the nation's heroes – they motivate and inspire young minds and enable students to achieve extraordinary things," **said Dennis Van Roekel, president of the National Education Association**, which represents more than three million educators and supports the Hanna-Kissell resolution.

Other sponsors of the resolution are David Loebsack (D-IA), Sam Graves (R-MO) and Vicky Hartzler (R-MO).