

Spoken Testimony in **Support** for **HB2330**

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To be read by student, BARAKA RUHUMUKIZA:

Thank You, Madam Chair.

Thank you for the chance to testify today in support of House Bill 2330. My name is Baraka, and I am a 4th grader from Kansas City, Kansas. In 2023, I participated in National Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day with people from my school and community. After the walk, my classmates and I were inspired by Ruby's story and we decided to help make this video to invite Ruby to come to Kansas:

[PLAY VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSOvEoJZ5UA>]

To be read by student, ARIADNE GARCIA MONTTOYA:

Thank You, Madam Chair.

My name is Ariadne. I also participated with my friends Baraka, Vitali, Caleb, and many others in that Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. We were so excited when we found out that Ruby Bridges accepted our invitation to Kansas! On November 14th, it was so amazing for us to meet our hero in real life!

At my school, every Wednesday we have a "Walking School Bus." But each year, we love Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day because it's a chance to be inspired by the bravery of a little girl who didn't let yelling and hate stop her from getting an education. Her determination helped change the world and that's a story all kids should know! By supporting HB 2330, you have a chance to help kids everywhere join us in celebrating Ruby's legacy every year by walking in her honor.

Thank you for your time and please support HB 2330.