

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 386

Supporting the use of child safety seat occupancy identification programs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the use of child safety seat occupancy identification programs.

Whereas 8,870 children under age four are injured and 670 children under age four are killed in auto accidents every year;

Whereas emergency medical personnel at the scene of an accident often have no source of information to identify a child or any special medical needs of the child, especially when the child is not riding with parents or when the parents or other adult passengers in an automobile have been incapacitated in the accident;

Whereas rescue efforts proceed more smoothly if emergency personnel can identify the child or children at the scene of an accident;

Whereas the child safety seat occupancy identification program known as the “We Have A Little Emergency” (WHALE) program is an identification and information package for child car safety seats that uses self-adhesive information labels to provide the child’s name, date of birth, essential medical history, and an emergency contact, as well as the child’s photo, which parents can update as their child grows;

Whereas because the informational label is attached to the rear of the child safety seat, the privacy of the child’s personal information is ensured;

Whereas the WHALE program is in use in counties and municipalities in 32 States; and

Whereas counties and municipalities distribute the identification stickers to schools, hospitals, and organizations involved in providing child care, which in turn distribute the stickers to parents to place on child safety seats: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress urges State and local gov-
- 3 ernments, as well as parents, schools, institutions involved
- 4 in providing child care, to use the “We Have A Little
- 5 Emergency” (WHALE) child safety seat occupancy identi-
- 6 fication program to provide identification and essential
- 7 medical information for children in the event of an auto-
- 8 mobile accident.

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