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# H. CON. RES. 147

Supporting the efforts and activities of individuals, organizations, institutions, and other entities to honor fatherhood on Father's Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26 (legislative day, MAY 25), 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Ms. CARSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas children who are raised without their fathers account for 63 percent of youth suicides, 71 percent of pregnant teenagers, 90 percent of homeless and runaway children, 85 percent of behavioral disorders exhibited by children, and 71 percent of high school dropouts, in the United States;

Whereas a father's presence in the life of a child is a powerful deterrent to delinquency;

Whereas children who maintain relationships with their fathers are more likely to develop healthy adult relationships and to feel secure regarding who they are;

Whereas polling data show that Americans believe the most significant familial or social problem facing the United States is the physical absence of the father from the home;

Whereas the United States has the highest number of single-parent households with dependent children of all developed nations;

Whereas children who remain involved with their fathers are 5 times more likely to develop into productive adults; and

Whereas families in the United States will grow and remain healthier and stronger if local communities, States, and the Federal Government assist and support the participation of fathers in the child rearing process: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the efforts and ac-  
3 tivities of individuals, organizations, institutions, and  
4 other entities to honor fatherhood on Father's Day.

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