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# S. RES. 132

Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. MILLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

Whereas more than 3,000,000 American children are reported as suspected victims of child abuse and neglect annually;

Whereas more than 500,000 American children are unable to live safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and institutions;

Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,000 children, 78 percent under the age of 5 and 38 percent under the age of 1, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect every year in America;

Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs due to its relationship to crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare dependency; and

Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a “Day of Hope” to be observed on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on this social ill: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2           (1) it is the sense of the Senate that—

3               (A) all Americans should keep these vic-  
4               timized children in their thoughts and prayers;

5               (B) all Americans should seek to break  
6               this cycle of abuse and neglect and to give these  
7               children hope for the future; and

8               (C) the faith community, nonprofit organi-  
9               zations, and volunteers across America should  
10              recommit themselves and mobilize their re-  
11              sources to assist these children; and

12          (2) the Senate—

13              (A) supports the goals and ideas of the  
14              “Day of Hope”; and

15              (B) commends Childhelp USA for its ef-  
16              forts on behalf of abused and neglected children  
17              everywhere.

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