

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and it occurs at a national rate of 30,000 suicides annually;

Whereas suicide is the fastest growing cause of death among youths and the second leading cause of death among college students;

Whereas suicide kills youths 6 to 9 times more often than homicide;

Whereas research shows that 95 percent of all suicides are preventable;

Whereas research shows that the prevention of suicide must be recognized as a national priority;

Whereas community awareness and education will encourage the development of strategies to prevent suicide;

Whereas during the 105th Congress, both the Senate and the House of Representatives unanimously agreed to resolutions recognizing suicide as a national problem and declaring suicide prevention programs to be a national priority (Senate Resolution 84, 105th Congress, agreed to May 6, 1997, and House of Representatives Resolution 212, 105th Congress, agreed to October 9, 1998);

Whereas the yellow ribbon is rapidly becoming recognized internationally as the symbol for the awareness and pre-

vention of suicide, and it is recognized and used by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents, and especially youth themselves; and

Whereas the week beginning September 19, 2004, should be recognized as Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes that the need to increase aware-
4 ness about and prevent suicide is a compelling na-
5 tional priority;

6 (2) reaffirms the commitment of Congress to
7 the priorities expressed by the 105th Congress, in
8 Senate Resolution 84 and House Resolution 212, to
9 continue to recognize suicide prevention as a na-
10 tional priority; and

11 (3) encourages Americans, communities, and
12 the Nation to work to increase awareness about and
13 prevent suicide.

Passed the Senate September 23, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

108TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 119

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Recognizing that prevention of suicide is a
compelling national priority.