

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 422

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas over 26,000 citizens die from the effects of drug abuse each year;

Whereas the damage from drugs is not limited to drug abusers; the collateral damage from drugs is enormous, and drug abuse costs society over \$60 billion in social costs and lost productivity;

Whereas drugs rob users, their families, and all Americans of dreams, promise, ambitions, talent, and lives;

Whereas drug abuse affects millions of families in the United States;

Whereas the stigma of drug abuse and the cloak of denial keep many individuals and families from dealing with the impact of drugs;

Whereas many friends and families are ashamed to acknowledge the death of their loved ones caused by drug abuse;

Whereas all Americans can benefit from illuminating the problem of drug abuse and its impact on families, communities, and society;

Whereas the futures of thousands of the Nation's youth have been cut short because of drug abuse; and

Whereas law enforcement, public health and research organizations, community coalitions, drug prevention outreach organizations, individual parents, siblings, friends, and concerned citizens are joining together on June 8, 2006, in a Vigil for Lost Promise, to call public attention to the tremendous promise which has been lost with the deaths of those affected by drugs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the goals and ideals
- 3 of the Vigil for Lost Promise day.

Passed the House of Representatives June 6, 2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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