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H. RES. 789

Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FERGUSON, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOODE, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HELLER of Nevada, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHULER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. WAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children.

Whereas 500,000 children in the United States are currently in foster care which is twice as many as 20 years ago;

Whereas the majority of these children and youth have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect;

Whereas foster children experience a number of unique challenges based on instability in their home and school environments;

Whereas just over half of all foster children complete high school, 40 percent continue to rely on public assistance into adulthood and 25 percent will experience homelessness at one point in their lives;

Whereas numerous public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities work tirelessly to recruit loving foster families and improve the lives of foster children;

Whereas these groups strive to consider the best interest of each child and focus on keeping families together when possible;

Whereas they provide invaluable resources to foster families as well as teachers, counselors, physicians, clergy, and others who work closely with children in the foster care system;

Whereas these groups are dedicated to changing public policy and raising awareness related to the special needs of foster children; and

Whereas they continue to sponsor research, develop best practices, and offer assistance to youth transitioning out of the system to ensure they receive adequate support as they reach adulthood: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 the contributions of all public child welfare agencies, non-
- 3 profit organizations and private entities dedicated to find-

- 1 ing homes for foster children and assisting foster families
- 2 in securing their future success.

