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H. CON. RES. 228

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the children who lost 1 or both parents or a guardian in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania) should be provided with all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urging Federal, State or local agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to move expeditiously in providing such assistance, services and benefits to those children.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That this resolution may be cited as the “Put
3 Our Children First Resolution of 2001”.

4 SEC. 2. (a) The Congress is grateful to the Federal,
5 State, and local agencies for their actions to deliver

1 prompt services to the children and families impacted by
2 the events of September 11, 2001, and recognizes their
3 efforts to expedite and streamline these important serv-
4 ices.

5 (b) It is the sense of the Congress that the children
6 who lost 1 or both parents or a guardian in the September
7 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies
8 (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylv-
9 ania) should be provided with such immediate assistance,
10 services, and benefits for which they are eligible and which
11 are necessary for their well-being, including—

- 12 (1) foster care assistance;
- 13 (2) adoption assistance;
- 14 (3) medical, nutritional, and psychological care;
- 15 (4) educational services; and
- 16 (5) such additional care or services as may be
17 necessary.

18 (c) The Congress urges each Federal, State, and local
19 agency responsible for providing assistance, services, and
20 benefits referred to in subsection (b) to—

- 21 (1) act without delay to provide such assistance,
22 services, and benefits to children described in that
23 paragraph; and
- 24 (2) to the maximum extent possible, take such
25 steps as are necessary to ensure that such assist-

1 ance, services, and benefits are provided in the case
2 of any such child within 60 days of the date of the
3 determination of the death of the child's parent, par-
4 ents, or guardian.

Passed the House of Representatives November 15,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.