

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 556

Recognizing the “Code Adam” child safety program, commending retail business establishments that have implemented programs to protect children from abduction, and urging retail business establishments that have not implemented such program to consider doing so.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. TERRY, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the “Code Adam” child safety program, commending retail business establishments that have implemented programs to protect children from abduction, and urging retail business establishments that have not implemented such program to consider doing so.

Whereas protecting children is one of society’s greatest responsibilities;

Whereas child abduction, an unconscionable and horrendous crime, seems to be increasing in frequency;

Whereas parents, and all other adults, must be ever vigilant in public places to protect children, who by their very nature are trusting and unsuspecting, from those depraved and vile individuals who would prey on them;

Whereas recognizing the risk of child abduction, some retail business establishments and libraries have developed safety procedures and programs designed to prevent abductors from using crowds of shoppers as cover for nefarious acts;

Whereas one of the most successful programs to prevent child abduction is the “Code Adam” alarm developed in 1994 and implemented by Wal-Mart stores and SAM’S Clubs throughout the Nation; and

Whereas, named in tribute to 6-year-old Adam Walsh who was abducted from a shopping mall in the State of Florida and murdered in 1981, the “Code Adam” alarm signals that there is a missing child and alerts designated employees in the affected retail business establishment or library to abandon their normal responsibilities and, in a coordinated and prearranged organized manner, to begin searching for the child and monitoring the establishment exits to ensure that the child is not removed from the establishment: Now, therefore, be it

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 3 all retail business establishments that have implemented  
 4 such program to protect children from abduction, and  
 5 urges retail business establishments that have not imple-  
 6 mented such program to consider doing so.

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