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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued as a testimonial to the Nation's tireless commitment to reuniting America's missing children with their families, and to honor the memories of those children who were victims of abduction and murder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself and Mr. LAMPSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are reported missing in the United States approximately 200 children each day and up to 800,000 children each year;

Whereas the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children was established 19 years ago as the Nation's resource center and clearinghouse for information on America's missing children, and issued a national call to action

requesting the participation of every citizen to assist in the search for the country's missing youth;

Whereas it is the collective responsibility of all Americans to better protect the Nation's children, as well as to assist in the search for those who are missing;

Whereas the issuance of a stamp bearing the image of a missing child sends a powerful message both at its unveiling and on each letter on which it is sent, and Americans will neither tolerate the victimization of their children nor rest until each missing child is reunited with his or her family; and

Whereas the Missing Children's Stamp Committee, headquartered in New York State, has collected more than 26,000 letters from around the world in support of such a stamp: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) a postage stamp should be issued by the
4 United States Postal Service to honor all missing
5 children; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Commission of the
7 United States Postal Service should recommend to
8 the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

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