

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

# H. RES. 1293

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2010

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. WALDEN) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child  
Abuse Prevention Month.

Whereas “National Child Abuse Prevention Month” is ob-  
served in April 2010;

Whereas in 2008, out of an estimated 6,000,000 children re-  
ferred for investigations and assessments, approximately  
772,000 children were determined to be victims of abuse  
or neglect;

Whereas in 2008, an estimated 1,740 children died as a re-  
sult of abuse or neglect;

Whereas in 2008, an estimated 80 percent of the children  
who died due to abuse or neglect were under the age of  
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Whereas in 2008, of the children under the age of 4 who died due to abuse or neglect, the majority were under the age of 1;

Whereas abused or neglected children have a higher risk in adulthood for developing health problems, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases;

Whereas a National Institute of Justice study indicated that abused or neglected children are 11 times more likely to be arrested for criminal behavior as juveniles, and are 2.7 times more likely to be arrested for violent and criminal behavior as adults;

Whereas an estimated  $\frac{1}{3}$  of abused or neglected children grow up to abuse or neglect their own children;

Whereas providing community-based services to families impacted by child abuse or neglect is less costly than the emotional and physical damage inflicted on children who have been abused or neglected, providing services to abused or neglected children (including child protective, law enforcement, court, foster care, or health care services), or providing treatment to adults recovering from child abuse; and

Whereas child abuse or neglect has long-term economic and societal costs: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2            (1) expresses support for the goals and ideals of  
3        National Child Abuse Prevention Month;

4            (2) recognizes and applauds the national and  
5        community organizations that work to promote  
6        awareness about child abuse or neglect, including by

1 identifying risk factors and developing prevention  
2 strategies; and

3 (3) supports efforts to—

4 (A) increase public awareness of prevention  
5 programs relating to child abuse or neglect; and

6 (B) reduce the incidence of child abuse or  
7 neglect in the United States.

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