

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1325

Recognizing National Missing Children's Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2010

Mr. ROONEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing National Missing Children's Day.

Whereas, May 25, 2010, will be the 28th National Missing Children's Day;

Whereas National Missing Children's Day honors the obligation of the United States to locate and recover missing children by prompting parents, guardians, and other trusted adult role models to make child safety an utmost priority;

Whereas in the United States nearly 800,000 children are reported missing a year, more than 58,000 children are abducted by nonfamily members, and more than 2,000 children are reported missing every day;

Whereas efforts of Congress to provide resources, training, and technical assistance have increased the capabilities of

State and local law enforcement to find children and to return them home safely;

Whereas in 2006 the Adam Walsh Act was signed into law to register, monitor, and track sex offenders and protect children from predators;

Whereas the 1979 disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz served as the impetus for the creation of National Missing Children's Day, first proclaimed in 1983; and

Whereas Etan's photograph was distributed throughout the United States and appeared in media globally, and the powerful image came to represent the anguish of thousands of searching families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes National Missing Children's Day
3 and encourages all people in the United States to
4 join together to plan events in communities across
5 the United States to raise public awareness of law
6 enforcement and the issue of missing children and
7 the need to address the national problem of missing
8 children;

9 (2) recognizes that one of the most important
10 tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a
11 missing child is an up-to-date, good quality photo-
12 graph of the child and urges all parents and guard-
13 ians to follow the important precaution of maintain-
14 ing such a photograph;

1 (3) recognizes the vital role of law enforcement
2 and the criminal justice system in preventing
3 kidnappings and abduction of children while also
4 leading efforts to locate missing children; and

5 (4) acknowledges that National Missing Chil-
6 dren's Day should remind people in the United
7 States not to forget the children who are still miss-
8 ing and not to waver in the efforts of law enforce-
9 ment to reunite such children with their families.

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