

106TH CONGRESS
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Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

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Whereas more than 3,000,000 American children are reported as suspected victims of child abuse and neglect annually;

Whereas more than 500,000 American children are unable to live safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and institutions;

Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,000 children, 78 percent under the age of 5 and 38 percent under the age of 1, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect every year in America;

Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs due to its relationship to crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare dependency; and

Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a “Day of Hope” to be observed on the first Wednesday in April, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on this social ill: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) it is the sense of the Congress that—

4 (A) all Americans should keep these vic-
5 timized children in their thoughts and prayers;

6 (B) all Americans should seek to break
7 this cycle of abuse and neglect, and give our
8 children hope for the future; and

9 (C) the faith community, nonprofit organi-
10 zations, and volunteers across America should
11 recommit themselves and mobilize their re-
12 sources to assist these children; and

13 (2) the Congress—

14 (A) supports the goals and ideas of the
15 “Day of Hope”; and

1 (B) commends Childhelp USA for its ef-
2 forts on behalf of abused and neglected children
3 everywhere.

Passed the House of Representatives February 14,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.