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H. CON. RES. 501

Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the Nation by supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 2002

Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the Nation by supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Whereas domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, age, ethnic, and economic groups in the United States;

Whereas it is estimated that a woman is battered every 15 seconds in America, usually by her intimate partner;

Whereas domestic violence often does not consist of a single incident, but is instead a continual state of victimization;

Whereas domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to women in the United States, affecting 6,000,000 women;

Whereas it is estimated that between 1993 and 1999, more than half of domestic violence attacks were committed by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend;

Whereas 1 in 3 murdered women are killed by their current or former spouses or boyfriends;

Whereas 88 percent of domestic violence fatalities had a documented history of physical abuse;

Whereas 15–50 percent of abused women report interference from their partner with education, training or work;

Whereas approximately 50 percent of the homeless women and children in the United States are on the streets because of violence in their homes;

Whereas each year, an estimated 3,300,000 children witness family members committing violent attacks against their mothers or female caretakers;

Whereas boys who witness their fathers' violence are 10 times more likely to engage in spouse abuse in later adulthood than boys from nonviolent homes;

Whereas increasing evidence indicates that there are large numbers of immigrant women trapped in violent homes, isolated by abusive spouses who use the threat of deportation to maintain power and control over them;

Whereas past and current victims of domestic violence are overrepresented in the population of welfare recipients;

Whereas there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of battered women and their children;

Whereas the month of October, 2002, has been recognized as an appropriate month for activities furthering awareness of domestic violence; and

Whereas the dedication and successes of those working to end domestic violence and the strength of the survivors of domestic violence should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that Con-
3 gress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the
4 Nation by supporting the goals and ideals of National Do-
5 mestic Violence Awareness Month.

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