The American public. And far more comprehensive, information to NCIC's current files for unidentified persons.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to express my gratitude to the Wilmer family who have tirelessly transformed their personal grief into political action by committing themselves to helping other families with missing loved ones. They established “Finding Our Children Under Stress” FOCUS, an organization dedicated to supporting families in distressed situations.

Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of this important legislation, I wholeheartedly urge my colleagues to support this crucial legislation today. Jennifer's Law Act is a step in the right direction that will help more and more American families locate their loved ones and I strongly urge its adoption.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly support the H.R. 1915 that would Improve Reporting of Unidentified & Missing Persons.

Aptly nicknamed "Jennifer's Law," this bill will provide much needed assistance to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and will help ease the pain of families who anxiously await information on their loved ones. In California alone, there are over 25,000 missing person files, and only some 1,800 unidentified persons files. While Christina Williams was found close to home which made identification easier, there are thousands of families in California who teeter on the edge of the chasm of hope and despair who will benefit from passage of H.R. 1915. I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 1915 in memory of Christina Williams.

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there a point of order that a quorum is not present? The ayes appeared to have it.

The question was taken; and the House agreed to the Speaker pro tempore's approval of the record, by the yeas and nays; June 12, residents of the Central Coast of California were devastated to learn that Christina Williams hadn't returned to her family's home after walking the dog. Seven long months later her body was found less than three miles from her home.

I was pleased to become an original cosponsor of H.R. 1915, a bill that provides $2 million in competitive grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing children. In order to receive a grant, a state would report to the National Crime Information Center and (when possible to law enforcement authorities within the state) information on every deceased unidentified person, including dental records, X-rays and fingerprints. The states would then enter the National Crime Information Center registration number or other identifying number, on the unidentified person's death certificate.

This simple cross-referencing of missing persons files against unidentified persons files will bring closure to thousands of families who anxiously await information on their loved ones. In California alone, there are over 25,000 missing person files, and only some 1,800 unidentified persons files. While Christina was found close to home which made identification easier, there are thousands of families in California who teeter on the edge of the chasm of hope and despair who will benefit from passage of H.R. 1915.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 1915 in memory of Christina Williams.

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on approval of the Journal and then on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

The question is on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1915.

Unlocking the chasm of hope and despair that affects so many American families, this bill will provide much needed assistance to law enforcement authorities within the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons.

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The question was taken; and the House agreed to the Speaker pro tempore's approval of the record, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 1915, by the yeas and nays.

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The question was taken; and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceeding on this motion will be postponed.

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m. Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the second such vote in this series.