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The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 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.

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