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H. CON. RES. 100

Commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 4, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

Whereas children are the Nation's greatest asset for the future;

Whereas more than 800,000 children disappear each year in the United States, and the problem of missing, kidnapped, and runaway children potentially affects every community in the Nation;

Whereas the United States is committed to the protection of its children as essential for the Nation's strong and vital growth;

Whereas Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Associa-

tions are making the United States the world leader in the protection of children by providing 60 million Inkless Child Identification Kits for use by parents;

Whereas these kits allow parents to keep vital information, current photographs, and fingerprints readily available to provide to law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association, through the efforts of board members, officers, employees, and subsidiary companies and the leadership of Lowry Mays, Mark Mays, and Grant Teaff, display an outstanding dedication to the children in communities throughout the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress commends Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.





House of Representatives

A Portion of Hon. Nick Lampson's Debate In Support of H. Con. Res. 100

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

As chairman and founder of the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, I have much too often had the occasion to look into the eyes of a parent who has lost a child. I spend a great deal of my time, along with so many of my other colleagues, trying to ask parents to be prepared and hopefully not ever have to need to have been prepared and therefore I rise today to commend the American Football Coaches Association and Clear Channel Communications for their dedication and efforts that they are making in protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children, and to urge a yes vote on this important resolution.

The National Child Identification Program was created in 1997, with the goal of fingerprinting 20 million children. This program provides a free fingerprint kit to parents who then take and store their child's fingerprints in their own homes. If this information is ever needed, fingerprints would be given to the police to help them in locating a missing child, being prepared and hoping they do not ever have to be.

The American Football Coaches Association, in partnership with Clear Channel Communications, a large chain of radio stations, has pledged to raise funds to help provide such a fingerprint kit for every child in America.

Well, having just recognized National Missing Children's Day on May 25, the thought of keeping our children safe remains fresh in our minds. We must all work together to raise awareness about the power of fingerprinting in the search for missing children.

Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association have taken raising the importance of fingerprinting to a whole new level, and they are to be commended for their leadership in the broadcast and sports industries. Once again, I urge a yes vote on this important resolution.



House of Representatives

A Portion of Hon. Chet Edwards' Debate In Support of H. Con. Res. 100

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Public service comes in many forms. When individuals and groups provide extraordinary services to our Nation, they deserve the appreciation of our Congress and our country. Such is the case today with Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association. With the generosity of these two organizations, 60 million child identification kits will be given to parents all across our country.

These kits will help parents keep vital information and current photographs and fingerprints of their own children to be used in cases of missing, kidnapped or runaway children. In such emergencies, this information can be instrumental in helping law enforcement agencies bring children and their parents back together.

Every parent, every parent, knows the fear of turning around in a playground or at a public meeting or event and momentarily not finding his or her child. Unfortunately, that fear is not just momentary for many parents. In fact, nearly 800,000 children disappear every year in the United States. That would be the equivalent of approximately 8 times the entire population of my hometown of Waco, Texas, where the American Football Coaches Association has its office.

Madam Speaker, I have known Lowery Mays, CEO of Clear Channel Communications and Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, for well over a decade. They are individuals of great integrity and compassion. Knowing them personally, frankly, it does not surprise me that their organizations are providing American families with this terribly important service. However, that lack of surprise does not reduce whatsoever my deep gratitude to them for their generosity in reuniting thousands of American families with their children.

Madam Speaker, Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Based on that high standard, Lowery and Mark Mays, Coach Grant Teaff and all those they represent in their respective organizations have lived an extraordinary successful life. They have earned and deserve the gratitude of not only this Congress, but American families across this great land of ours. I urge every Member to vote for this resolution.



House of Representatives

A Portion of Hon. John Duncan's Debate In Support of H. Con. Res. 100

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The American Football Coaches Association and Clear Channel Communications have taken the initiative to try to help parents and authorities return missing children to their homes.

In my district, the coach of the University of Tennessee football team, my good friend Phillip Fulmer, has taken an active role in promoting this program. Hundreds of thousands of these kits have been handed out at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee. Other individuals who have helped with this effort include coaches and athletes like Grant Teaff, R.C. Slocum, Nolan Ryan, Joe Montana, Cal Ripken, David Robinson, and many many others.

I should mention that my colleague, the gentleman from Nebraska, who is a former college football coach, has very actively participated as well, as he has just mentioned. He has helped raise funds as well as handed out personally some of the first kits in Nebraska. In addition to his work on this resolution. I want to thank him for his efforts on this very worthwhile program.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Lowry Mays and Mark Mays for their leadership in bringing Clear Channel Communications on board with this effort.

In Tennessee, Governor Don Sundquist proclaimed March as Child Identification Awareness Month to raise awareness of the need for fingerprinting children. And as the governor of Texas, President Bush helped raise funds for the National Child Identification Program.

Madam Speaker, I am from Tennessee which is known as the Volunteer State. I am happy to see that volunteers from all across the country have come together to support this important program that helps bring children home to their parents.



House of Representatives

A Portion of Hon. Tom Osborne's Debate In Support of H. Con. Res. 100

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 100 which recognizes the American Football Coaches Association for its dedication and efforts to protect children by providing inkless child identification kits for use by parents. In the past 4 years, over 4.2 million identification kits have been passed out at college football stadiums. As a member of the American Football Coaches Association and a former football coach, I have participated in this program myself and know that the kits can be useful tools for parents. My former university, the University of Nebraska, has participated in this program since the program's inception in 1997. In the spring of 1999, 60,000 ID kits were distributed to Nebraska's school children in grades kindergarten through the fourth grade.

Statistics about missing children in the United States are staggering. According to the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 750,000 children were reported missing last year. Approximately 450,000 of these children ran away, an additional 350,000 were abducted by a family member, and over 4,500 were abducted by a stranger. This works out to be about 2,100 children missing each day.