

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 102

Expressing support for designation of June 21 as National ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Day to promote children's health and gun safety.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2014

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. TIERNEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of June 21 as National ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Day to promote children's health and gun safety.

Whereas on average in 2010, 1 child under the age of 15 died every 6 days due to the unintentional discharge of a firearm;

Whereas according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2012, approximately 667 children sustained nonfatal injuries from the unintentional discharge of a firearm;

Whereas in States that collect data through the National Violent Death Reporting System, on average, 80 percent of

unintentional firearm deaths of children under 15 occurred in a home;

Whereas the ASK Campaign encourages parents to add one more question to a conversation before their child visits other homes, “Is there an unlocked gun in your house?”;

Whereas the ASK Campaign was first established by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center to Prevent Youth Violence along with other partners in 2000;

Whereas the President of the AAP has said “keeping children and teens safe from preventable injuries is one of the most important things we do as pediatricians”;

Whereas according to the National Rifle Association’s Parents Guide to Gun Safety, “Parental responsibility does not end, however, when the child leaves the home . . . Even if no one in your family owns a gun, chances are that someone you know does. Your child could come in contact with a gun at a neighbor’s house, when playing with friends, or under other circumstances outside your home”;

Whereas asking this simple question about gun safety before sending your child to play at another home could help save your child’s life;

Whereas June 21, the first day of summer, the season in which kids typically spend more time at a friend’s or family member’s home, has traditionally been designated as National ASK Day; and

Whereas June 21, 2014, has been designated by national organizations as the 14th annual National ASK Day: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) supports designation of National ASK (Ask-  
4        ing Saves Kids) Day to encourage parents to begin  
5        asking this life-saving question; and

6            (2) supports the goals and ideals of National  
7        ASK Day.

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