

106TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 413

Expressing support for a National Foster Parents Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILCREST submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for a National Foster Parents Day.

Whereas the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities, and our United States;

Whereas over 142,000 foster families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children heal and reconnect and in launching those children into successful adulthood;

Whereas 20,000 youth reach their 18th birthday and “age out” of foster care, too often unprepared and without the ongoing support and guidance of caring adults; and

Whereas numerous individuals and public and private organizations work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care and leaving it as well as the endur-

ing and valuable contribution of foster parents: Now,
therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) a National Foster Parents Day should be
4 established to recognize the contributions of foster
5 parents across the Nation; and

6 (2) the President should issue a proclamation
7 calling on the people of the United States and inter-
8 ested groups to conduct appropriate ceremonies, ac-
9 tivities, and programs to demonstrate support for
10 foster parents across the Nation.

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