

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 318

Designating August 2002, as “National Missing Adult Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2002

Mrs. LINCOLN (on behalf of Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating August 2002, as “National Missing Adult Awareness Month”.

Whereas our Nation must acknowledge that missing adults are a growing group of victims, who range in age from young adults to senior citizens and reach across all lifestyles;

Whereas every missing adult has the right to be searched for and to be remembered, regardless of the adult’s age;

Whereas our world does not suddenly become a safe haven when an individual becomes an adult;

Whereas there are tens of thousands of endangered or involuntarily missing adults over the age of 17 in our Nation, and daily, more victims are reported missing;

Whereas the majority of missing adults are unrecognized and unrepresented;

Whereas our Nation must become aware that there are endangered and involuntarily missing adults, and each one of these individuals is worthy of recognition and deserving of a diligent search and thorough investigation;

Whereas every missing adult is someone's beloved grandparent, parent, child, sibling, or dearest friend;

Whereas families, law enforcement agencies, communities, and States should unite to offer much needed support and to provide a strong voice for the endangered and involuntarily missing adults of our Nation;

Whereas we must support and encourage the citizens of our Nation to continue with efforts to awaken our Nation's awareness to the plight of our missing adults;

Whereas we must improve and promote reporting procedures involving missing adults and unidentified deceased persons; and

Whereas our Nation's awareness, acknowledgment, and support of missing adults, and encouragement of efforts to continue our search for these adults, must continue from this day forward: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates August 2002, as “National Miss-
3 ing Adult Awareness Month”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States

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- 1 to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies
- 2 and activities.

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