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2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling
national priority.

1 Whereas suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic
2 events a family and a community can experience, and
3 it occurs at a national rate of 30,000 suicides annu-
4 ally;

5 Whereas suicide is the fastest growing cause of death
6 among youths and the second leading cause of death
7 among college students;

8 Whereas suicide kills youths 6 to 9 times more often than
9 homicide;

10 Whereas research shows that 95 percent of all suicides are
11 preventable;

12 Whereas research shows that the prevention of suicide
13 must be recognized as a national priority;

1 Whereas community awareness and education will encour-
2 age the development of strategies to prevent suicide;
3 Whereas during the 105th Congress, both the Senate and
4 the House of Representatives unanimously agreed to
5 resolutions recognizing suicide as a national problem
6 and declaring suicide prevention programs to be a na-
7 tional priority (Senate Resolution 84, 105th Congress,
8 agreed to May 6, 1997, and House of Representatives
9 Resolution 212, 105th Congress, agreed to October 9,
10 1998);
11 Whereas the yellow ribbon is rapidly becoming recognized
12 internationally as the symbol for the awareness and
13 prevention of suicide, and it is recognized and used
14 by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools,
15 churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teach-
16 ers, parents, and especially youth themselves; and
17 Whereas the week beginning September 19, 2004, should
18 be recognized as Yellow Ribbon Suicide Awareness
19 and Prevention Week: Now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives con-*
21 *curring)*, That Congress—
22 (1) recognizes that the need to increase awareness
23 about and prevent suicide is a compelling national
24 priority;

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.