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Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Academy of Sciences, through the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, should convene an expert panel to recommend the best practices and measures to use in data collection relating to foster care and to research and develop methods for streamlining the application and approval process for moving a child from foster care to a permanent residence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2005

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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Whereas in May 2003, the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care committed to improving existing Federal financing mechanisms to facilitate faster movement of children from foster care to permanent residence and to improve court oversight of child welfare cases;

Whereas in the report titled “Fostering the Future: Safety, Permanence and Well-being for Children in Foster Care”, the Pew Commission recommended improving the financing of child welfare and strengthening court oversight in such cases; and

Whereas in that report, the Pew Commission further recommended that Congress direct the National Academy of Sciences, through the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, to convene an expert panel to recommend the best practices and measures to use in data collection relating to foster care: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Na-
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 4 dren, Youth, and Families, should convene an expert panel
 5 to—

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 7 to use in data collection relating to foster care; and

8 (2) research and develop methods for stream-
 9 lining the application and approval process for mov-
 10 ing a child from foster care to a permanent resi-
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