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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. GONZALEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prevention of Traf-
5 ficking of Tsunami Orphans Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Indian Ocean tsunamis left thousands
2 of children in the countries of South and Southeast
3 Asia homeless or orphaned.

4 (2) Because of the breakdown of the social in-
5 frastructures in the South and Southeast Asian
6 countries affected by the Indian Ocean tsunamis, re-
7 lief agencies are attempting to assess how many chil-
8 dren are homeless or orphaned as a result of the
9 tsunamis, establish programs to care for children
10 who are homeless or orphaned as a result of the
11 tsunamis, and reunite such homeless and orphaned
12 children with their surviving family members.

13 (3) Children who are homeless or orphaned as
14 a result of the Indian Ocean tsunamis may be vul-
15 nerable to individuals who would exploit them for
16 purposes of trafficking, particularly trafficking to in-
17 duce such children to engage in commercial sex acts
18 or unlawful labor or services.

19 (4) The governments of the countries of South
20 and Southeast Asia affected by the Indian Ocean
21 tsunamis should be—

22 (A) commended for their efforts to protect
23 children who are homeless or orphaned as a re-
24 sult of the tsunamis from being exploited for
25 the purpose of trafficking; and

1 (B) encouraged to expand efforts to ad-
2 dress the serious and ongoing concern of mod-
3 ern-day slavery in the region.

4 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO PROTECT**
5 **CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS OR OR-**
6 **PHANED AS A RESULT OF THE INDIAN OCEAN**
7 **TSUNAMIS.**

8 The Secretary of State, acting through the Director
9 of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, and the
10 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
11 national Development are authorized to provide assistance
12 to support programs that are being carried out by non-
13 governmental organizations to protect children who are
14 homeless or orphaned as a result of the Indian Ocean
15 tsunamis from becoming victims of trafficking.

16 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

17 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Adminis-
19 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
20 velopment shall submit to Congress a report on the imple-
21 mentation of this Act.

22 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

23 In this Act:

24 (1) CHILDREN.—The term “children” means
25 persons who have not attained 18 years of age.

1 (2) INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMIS.—The term “In-
2 dian Ocean tsunamis” means the tsunamis that re-
3 sulted from the earthquake that occurred off the
4 west coast of northern Sumatra, Indonesia, on De-
5 cember 26, 2004.

6 (3) VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING.—The term “vic-
7 tim of trafficking” has the meaning given the term
8 in section 103(14) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
9 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(14)).

10 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
12 priated to the Secretary of State and the Administrator
13 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
14 ment to carry out this Act \$2,000,000 for fiscal year
15 2005.

16 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
17 priated under subsection (a) are authorized to remain
18 available until expended.

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