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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island (for himself and Mr. RAMSTAD) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government
Reform

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RESOLUTION

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there should be established a National Drug Court
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Whereas drug courts provide the focus and leadership for
community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together
public safety professionals and other community partners
in the fight against drug abuse and criminality;

Whereas the results of more than 100 program evaluations
and at least 3 experimental studies have yielded definitive
evidence that drug courts increase treatment retention
and reduce substance abuse and crime among drug-in-
volved adult offenders;

Whereas judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance
abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law en-

forcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others dedicated to the drug court movement have had a profound impact within their communities;

Whereas the drug court movement has grown from the 12 original drug courts in 1994 to 1,621 operational drug courts as of December 2004; and

Whereas the establishment of a National Drug Court Month would increase awareness about drug courts at the Federal, State, and local levels: Now, therefore, be it

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

3   (1) there should be established a National Drug
4   Court Month to increase awareness about drug
5   courts at the Federal, State, and local level; and

6   (2) the President should issue a proclamation
7   calling upon the people of the United States and in-
8   terested groups to observe the month with appro-
9   priate ceremonies and activities.

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