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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and acknowledging the important role of adoption, and commending all parties involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.

Whereas in 2002, there were 22,291 domestic infant adoptions in the United States;

Whereas birthparents who decide to carry out an adoption plan come from all walks of life, with various backgrounds and socioeconomic status;

Whereas birthparents who carry out an adoption plan should be recognized and commended for doing what they believe is in the best interest of their child;

Whereas loving, nurturing adoptive families make it possible for birthparents to carry out an adoption plan;

Whereas adoptive families make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption and show the compassionate spirit of our Nation;

Whereas adoptive families should be recognized and commended for providing a permanent, safe, and loving home for a child;

Whereas studies have shown that adopted children form deep emotional bonds with their adoptive parents indistinguishable from those biological children form with their parents;

Whereas adopted children grow up to make valuable contributions to our Nation and lead fulfilling lives;

Whereas adopted children should be recognized and commended for understanding that the choice of the birthparents to carry out an adoption plan may be a difficult and carefully considered decision made out of love for a child; and

Whereas Congress should do more to support adoption, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes and acknowledges
- 3 the important role of adoption, and commends all parties

- 1 involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption
- 2 plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,  
2008.

Attest:                      LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*