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H. RES. 572

Encouraging employers and online dating sites to use sex offender registries for background checks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas registries tracking sex offenders are important tools in protecting against recidivism among sex offenders;

Whereas the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (the “Wetterling Act”, 42 U.S.C. 14071), established guidelines for the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and territories to require sex offenders to register where they reside, work, and attend school, as applicable;

Whereas the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (the “Walsh Act”, Public Law 109–248), expanded the range of offenses that require registration in the Wetterling Act, as well as extended the requirement to register to juveniles convicted of serious sex offenses;

Whereas the Walsh Act requires all jurisdictions to implement at least the registration requirements described in title I of the Walsh Act by July 27, 2009; and

Whereas section 120 of the Walsh Act established the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website to enable the public to obtain relevant information for each sex offender by a single query for any given zip code or geographical radius: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives encourage—
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3 (1) employers to check the names of potential
4 employees with the Federal and State sex offender
5 registries when hiring for positions that involve
6 teaching, supervising, interacting with, or working in
7 the general vicinity of children;

8 (2) online dating sites to check the names of
9 site members and individuals seeking site membership
10 with the Federal and State sex offender registries,
11 and take appropriate measures to prevent inappropriate
12 use of such sites, including prohibiting
13 access to individuals that are listed on such registries;
14 and

15 (3) all States and jurisdictions to expeditiously
16 implement at least the registration requirements described
17 in title I of the Walsh Act before July 27,

- 1 2009, and to the greatest extent possible implement
- 2 stricter requirements than those so described.

