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Honoring the life of Jacob Wetterling and the efforts of Patty Wetterling and the Wetterling family to find abducted children and support their families.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Jacob Wetterling and the efforts of Patty Wetterling and the Wetterling family to find abducted children and support their families.

Whereas Patty and Jerry Wetterling faced the unimaginable tragedy of having their 11-year-old son, Jacob Wetterling, abducted near their home in Stearns County, Minnesota, on October 22, 1989;

Whereas Jacob Wetterling was taken at gunpoint and his disappearance remained unsolved for nearly 27 years;

Whereas Jacob Wetterling's body was not recovered until September of 2016;

Whereas Patty Wetterling bravely turned her grief into action and devoted her life to advocating for missing and exploited children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling has become a nationally recognized educator on child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling serves on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

Whereas Patty Wetterling and her husband co-founded the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to educate communities about child safety issues to prevent child exploitation and abductions;

Whereas Patty Wetterling authored the publication “When Your Child is Missing: A Family Survival Guide”, along with 4 other families;

Whereas Patty Wetterling served for more than 7 years as Director of Sexual Violence Prevention for the Minnesota Department of Health;

Whereas the Star Tribune selected Patty Wetterling as one of the “100 Most Influential Minnesotans of the Century”;

Whereas Patty Wetterling’s efforts led to the passage of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (Public Law 103–322; 108 Stat. 2038), a Federal law that requires States to implement a sex offender and crimes against children registry; and

Whereas Jacob Wetterling’s memory lives on through the efforts of the Wetterling family: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors—

2 (1) the life of Jacob Wetterling; and

1 (2) the efforts of Patty Wetterling and the
2 Wetterling family to prevent child exploitation and
3 abductions across the United States.

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