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H. CON. RES. 493

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative stamp on the subject of school safety awareness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. FROST) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas discipline, order, and safety have a direct link to student achievement;

Whereas a secure, positive learning environment is a critical component of a high-quality education;

Whereas safe and orderly schools facilitate effective teaching and learning, while violence or the threat of violence diverts attention and resources from education;

Whereas students cannot learn and educators cannot teach when threatened by physical violence or harassment;

Whereas safe schools require safe communities and safe families;

Whereas young people bring with them to school the problems of their homes and neighborhoods;

Whereas without addressing these underlying problems, complete school safety will remain elusive;

Whereas schools must work more effectively with communities and families to address various forms of school violence such as gang activity, hate-motivated violence, sexual harassment, and drug activity; and

Whereas families and communities must acknowledge and support schools' disciplinary efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a commemorative postage stamp on the subject
5 of school safety awareness; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a stamp be issued.

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