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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.

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## 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

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## 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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