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House Resolution

A resolution declaring the second Tuesday in
September 1999 "Florida Missing Children's
Day."

WHEREAS, an estimated 800,000 children are reported
missing annually, and

WHEREAS, each year in the State of Florida,
approximately 61,000 children are reported missing, and

WHEREAS, children who are missing from home and not
living in a family environment may be exposed to sexual and
physical victimization, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the safety of our
children through education and prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase awareness and
understanding of the problem among our parents, citizens, and
law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we remember those children
who have been abducted, abused, and murdered, and persevere in
the search for those children who have not yet been found,
NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
Florida:

That the second Tuesday in September 1999 be declared
"Florida Missing Children's Day" in remembrance of Florida's
past and present missing children and in recognition of our
state's continued efforts to protect the safety of children
through prevention, education, and community involvement.