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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the important work of
"Mothers in Prison, Children in Crisis."

WHEREAS, since 1980, the number of women in America's
jails and prisons has increased from 10,000 to more than
128,000, and most are nonviolent mothers from poor
communities, and

WHEREAS, this growing crisis is devastating families
and communities throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, consequently, it is doing irreparable harm to
minor children of incarcerated mothers, who are more likely to
become incarcerated themselves; between 75 and 80 percent of
women in U.S. jails and prisons have dependent children, and

WHEREAS, now in its fifth year, "Mothers in Prison,
Children in Crisis" is the first and only national organizing
campaign that seeks to establish alternatives, such as
changing the sentencing norm for women with dependent
children, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater public awareness
and understanding of the connections between poverty,
education, victimization, and incarceration, and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 1999, the Friday before Mother's
Day, thousands of people across the United States will join
together at rallies, speakouts, and vigils to call attention
to the plight of women in prison and seek legislative change,
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 That the House of Representatives hereby recognizes May
2 7, 1999, as "Mothers in Prison, Children in Crisis Mother's
3 Day" and calls upon the people of Florida to join in bringing
4 attention to the important work of this campaign.
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