



H.Res. 1432 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children in foster care awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, recognizing current programs and efforts designed to promote adoption, and encouraging people in the United States to seek improved safety, permanency, and well-being for all children

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#### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 1432 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jon Porter (R-NV) on September 15, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1432 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 16, 2008.

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#### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 1432 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month;
- Recognizes that every child in foster care deserves a permanent and loving family;
- Recognizes the significant commitment of taxpayers to support adoption, including the \$1,900,000,000 provided to support adoption through the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program, as well as the assistance provided through the Title IV-E Foster Care program to 130,000 children waiting for adoptive families, among other important programs; and
- Encourages the citizens of the United States to consider adoption of children in foster care who are waiting for a permanent, loving family.

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#### BACKGROUND

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November 2008 is “National Adoption Month” and November 15, 2008, is “National Adoption Day.” National Adoption Month is dedicated to raising awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care. On National Adoption Day, more than 300 events are held nationwide to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and to celebrate all families who adopt. Since the first National Adoption Day, about 20,000 children have been adopted on this day.

There are currently about 500,000 children in foster care in the United States, approximately 130,000 of which are waiting for adoption families. The Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families runs a National Adoption Directory and provides information for prospective adoptive parents.

[Administration for Children and Families – National Adoption Month](#)

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