



## H.RES. 789 – Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 789 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 Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) on November 1, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 789 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 13, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 789 resolves that the House of Representatives honors:

- The contributions of all public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities dedicated to finding homes for foster children and assisting foster families in securing their future success.

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### BACKGROUND

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According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are more than 500,000 children in foster care in the United States. November is celebrated as National Adoption Month, while May is National Foster Care Month. The average age of a child in foster care is 10 years. About 50% of foster cases end with the child being reunited with their original birth parents. Children typically spend about 20 months in foster care.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau selected the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids as the recipient of a five-year Cooperative Agreement with an award of \$3,669,500 in FY08. AdoptUsKids is a national initiative to partner with States and Tribes to recruit foster and adoptive families for children in foster care.

More than 8,000 children who were featured on [adoptuskids.org](http://adoptuskids.org) were placed with adoptive parents in the first 5 years of the program.

Over 6,000 children are listed each year on [www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org).

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