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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas 12,000,000 Americans spend time in foster care;

Whereas every year, more than 24,000 youth turn age 18 while in foster care;

Whereas the safekeeping of most youth who age out of foster care is the responsibility of the State governments, which receive Federal funding to assist them in doing so;

Whereas family reunification, kinship care, and adoption are the preferred solutions for children who are placed in foster care;

Whereas Congress created a new Independent Living initiative in 1986, and expanded the program by passing the Chaffee Foster Care Independence Act in 1999 to assist youth who are emancipated while in foster care: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports former foster care youth as they
3 overcome many emotional, physical, and social obsta-
4 cles in the pursuit of healthy, independent, and ful-
5 filling lives;

6 (2) recognizes former foster care youth organi-
7 zations for their dedication to reforming and improv-
8 ing the foster care system;

9 (3) appreciates individuals, mentors, and social
10 workers who provide assistance to former foster care
11 youth beyond resources available through Federal,
12 State, and local services; and

13 (4) encourages reviews of Federal and State
14 programs conducted under title IV of the Social Se-
15 curity Act that would improve services to help
16 former foster care youth succeed in their transition
17 to adulthood and independence.