

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today managed the House floor debate on his resolution, H.Res. 1325, to recognize May 25, 2010 as the 28th Annual Missing Children's Day.

“Nearly 800,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year – that’s more than 2,000 missing children per day,” Rooney said. “National Missing Children’s Day serves as a reminder to take necessary precautions to prevent abductions and help law enforcement locate missing children.

“One of the most important tools that law enforcement officials have when trying to locate a missing child is an up-to-date, quality photograph of the child. I urge all parents and guardians to maintain updated, high quality photos of their children.”

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Missing Children’s Day on May 25, 1983 after a series of high-profile abduction cases, including the 1981 abduction of six-year-old Adam Walsh in Florida. These cases brought national attention to the problem of child abduction and the lack of coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to help families search for missing children.

“Since the first National Missing Children’s Day, our country has made great strides in improving coordination and giving law enforcement officials the tools to find missing children. This resolution should remind people across the country not to forget the children who are still missing and not to waver in the efforts to reunite these children with their families.”

Rooney is the former CEO of 50-bed shelter for abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Palm Beach County called Home Safe.

For a video of Rooney’s floor speech, click [HERE](#) .

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