

Promoting Responsible Fatherhood

HCR 182

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to child custody, child abuse, and victims of domestic and family violence.

Please take a moment to look over HCR 182. You can locate the bill in it's entirety at:

<http://www.execpc.com/~jluscher/lkd/hcr182.htm>

Status report on the bill: the key players below will either recommend it back for passage or not recommend it. You can view current activity by going to the Thomas Register and typing in "H.C.R. 182" at: <http://www.thomas.loc.gov/>

The following are the current House of Representatives responsible for the bill. The people on this list need to hear from you:

At the end of the list you will find contact information for Mr. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. He is Wisconsin's member of the Judiciary Committee, where the resolution was referred.

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Next, please read the enclosed form letter to use when writing the above representatives:

Dear _____

It has come to my attention that you are a sponsor of H. CON. RES. 182, "A resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to child custody, child abuse, and victims of domestic and family violence."

In this resolution the concept of Parental Alienation is mentioned three times. Although Parental Alienation is not explained in the resolution, the bill implies Parental Alienation does not exist.

Speaking for myself, and for many other parents, both male and female, who have suffered the consequences of alienation, I can tell you that it does exist, it is emotional abuse for both the child and alienated parent.

I don't know how much time you have spent studying the problem, or talking with experts in the field such as Dr. Richard Gardner, but I do not believe that you have looked at all the facts before you agreed to sponsor this resolution.

I hope, for the sake of the family unit, and for the rights of many parents throughout the country who have been alienated from their children's lives that you will take the time to read about Parental Alienation Syndrome and reconsider your sponsorship of this resolution.

You cannot overlook the fact that Parental Alienation is emotional child abuse. It is has gone unrecognized for the last twenty years by the courts and many mental health professionals.

As of January, 1999, Parental Alienation Syndrome will be recognized in the DSM-IV companion manual, TSM-I. TSM-I is a code book of mental disorders.

Thus the argument ; if the disorder does not exist then why is there a code for it?

Sincerely,

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