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Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California.

Whereas the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration created SEARCH in 1969 as a 10-State project to demonstrate whether it was feasible to exchange criminal history records on an automated and nationwide basis;

Whereas SEARCH not only demonstrated the feasibility of an automated nationwide system of sharing criminal records, but also, through partnership with the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, State agencies and other organizations, helped to estab-

lish the national criminal history record information system;

Whereas SEARCH is a nonprofit organization created by and for the States, governed by a Membership Group comprised of one gubernatorial appointee from each of the States and territories;

Whereas SEARCH's guiding vision is to ensure "Accurate and timely information, supported by well-deployed information and identification technology, enables the justice and public safety decision-maker to administer justice in a manner that promotes individual rights and public safety";

Whereas SEARCH provides training and technical assistance to help the criminal justice community combat high-technology crimes, gather valuable information in investigations, and link the Nation's law enforcement agencies through policy and technical solutions;

Whereas SEARCH helps agencies effectively implement information sharing technology to make accurate, more informed, immediate, and appropriately secured decisions about criminal justice and security issues, and to administer justice in an efficient and effective manner;

Whereas SEARCH has pioneered the development of both technology and policy solutions for justice implementation of biometric technologies, thereby enabling electronic fingerprints to become a rapid, reliable, and cost-effective identification authentication process and further supporting information sharing and collaboration among and between agencies;

Whereas SEARCH has made a profound contribution, working with the Department of Justice, to develop successive

generations of privacy and security policies that are now reflected in both Department of Justice regulations and Federal legislation;

Whereas SEARCH has played a critical role in the development of systems such as the Interstate Identification Index (III), the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), commonly called the Brady check system, the National Fingerprint File (NFF), the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), and key standards for information sharing and interoperability, such as the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM);

Whereas SEARCH's work with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security helps the Nation's justice and public safety communities plan, develop, implement, test, and manage interoperable communications solutions; and

Whereas SEARCH has had many accomplishments over its 50-year history to help practitioners in criminal justice, public safety, and first response use information to plan for, predict, prevent, and interdict criminal events, terrorism, and disasters: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved,* That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes and honors SEARCH, The National Consortium for
3 Justice Information and Statistics, on the occasion of its
4 50th anniversary for accomplishments to promote infor-
5 mation sharing and identification solutions for first re-
6 sponders and law enforcement officers, and for the protec-
7 tion of privacy and citizens' rights.

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