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**Rep. [NAME] Commemorates May as "National Foster Care Month"**

Washington, D.C. – Today, Rep. [NAME] joined members of Congress from across the country to declare May as "National Foster Care Month." In the United States, over 400,000 young people are looking for permanency with caring parents. This year's theme is "Get to Know the Many Faces of Foster Care," and it is a time for elected leaders to celebrate the diversity of America’s foster youth and focus on ways to help these young people and support the foster parents, mentors, teachers, caseworkers, and advocates who have dedicated their professional careers and their personal lives to ensuring these young people find love, protection and stability with a permanent family.

"Every child deserves to grow up healthy and safe," said Rep. [NAME]. "We know that when children grow up in stable households, they are much more likely to succeed as adults. This month we both re-commit ourselves to ensuring that every child has access to the promise of the American dream. We honor and thank the countless professionals and individuals who give of themselves selflessly to make this promise a reality."

During May, members of the bi-partisan Congressional Foster Care Caucus will be hosting events throughout the United States, culminating in Foster Youth Shadow Days on May 20th, where foster youth from across the United States will be paired up with their member of Congress to tell their stories and advocate for improvements to the nation's foster care system.

"Foster care month is about more than words--it is about turning our commitment into real action that will better a system that hundreds of thousands of young people need to work," Rep. [NAME] concluded.