

**IN HONOR OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
DIVISION FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE SOLANO HEART GALLERY --  
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SPEECH OF

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

- Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, the Honorable *George Miller*, in the House of Representatives, to recognize the Solano County Child Welfare Services Division for the unveiling of the Solano Heart Gallery. Their tireless efforts throughout the years have facilitated the placement of numerous foster children into permanent homes. It is especially fitting to highlight the success of the Solano County Child Welfare Division during our celebration of National Adoption Month.
- Throughout the United States there are more than half a million children in foster care, with more than a fifth of those children looking for permanent homes. In the foster care system, far too often it becomes difficult to keep brothers and sisters in the same home. In addition, many of these children face difficult physical, emotional, and behavioral challenges. These stressors compound developmental concerns and make the necessity of a permanent home even more critical. In response, the Solano County Child Welfare Division chooses to live by this simple creed, "Every child deserves a permanent, loving family and a home in which they can develop to their fullest potential." This creed is exemplified by the dedication and commitment that we see every day in Solano County.
- As we celebrate the 17th annual National Adoption Month, the Solano County Child Welfare Division continues to find new and effective ways to match foster children with "forever families." Building on its success from previous years, and the ability to place 57 children into permanent homes in 2007, the Solano County Child Welfare Division is unveiling the Solano Heart Gallery. This gallery will feature many of the 190 children in Solano County who are currently seeking stable and loving homes. This Heart Gallery will travel throughout Solano visiting every city in the county during the 2008 calendar year.
- We are proud to represent a county that places such a high priority on the future of our children. It is because of dedicated public servants in our community that

we can all expect great things from this next generation of children. We are pleased to say that through the work of the Solano County Child Welfare Division and the newly unveiled Solano Heart Gallery, the children of Solano County will always come first.