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Criminal Records Upgrade Resolution

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that federal funding is needed in order to continue progress for the improvement of state criminal record information systems and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the President's 1993 State of the Union address proposes a "criminal records upgrade program to assist states in improving their criminal records infrastructure and links with the FBI's criminal information databases"; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY94 budget calls for twenty-five million dollars in new federal funding for this criminal records upgrade initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Brady Handgun Control Bill would require improvements in disposition reporting and other improvements in state and local criminal history record systems; and

WHEREAS, recent federal legislation including legislation for record checks for immigration, child care, national security and other purposes, and federal initiatives have put extraordinary demands upon state criminal record repositories for record and system improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress is urged to support the criminal records upgrade program including funding at least at the twenty-five million dollar per year level to meet the goals of improving the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of the nation's criminal record infrastructure.