Whereas, on October 9, 1998 the President signed into law S. 2022, the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 ("CITA"), Pub. L. No. 105-251;

Whereas, CITA creates a comprehensive approach and vision for federal justice assistance for state and local criminal justice information, identification and communications technologies, emphasizing the integration of these technologies, and for forensics; and

Whereas, CITA and S. 254, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Accountability and Rehabilitation Act of 1999, authorize federal funding of 350 million dollars per year for five years beginning with Fiscal Year 00;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that: "The Congress of the United States is urged to appropriate monies beginning in FY 00 for the purposes set forth in CITA and pursuant to the procedures set forth in CITA at the authorization level of 350 million dollars."