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**IN RECOGNITION OF CYBERANGELS -- HON. BOB FRANKS (Extensions of Remarks - April 12, 2000)**

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**HON. BOB FRANKS**  
**OF NEW JERSEY**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

- Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize an outstanding organization that is aggressively fighting crimes against children on the Internet.
- Tragically, in increasing numbers, our children are being exploited over the Internet. Everyday, pedophiles are contacting our children via the Internet in those places where we want to believe they are most secure--in our homes, our schools, and our libraries. Our law enforcement agencies, both local and federal, are working overtime to apprehend these cybermolesters. And, now they are receiving help from an unexpected source--citizen volunteers organized through a group called Cyberangels.
- Cyberangels is an exemplary, New Jersey-based Internet safety group that helps to keep our children safe while they use the Internet. Cyberangels is well-known for their advice on child Internet safety, but recently they have taken a more active role in combating Internet crimes against children through their cyber-sleuthing--tracing individuals over the Internet. This noble group of volunteers has already reunited three families with their children who were victims of cybermolesters.
- Most recently these volunteers aided the family of a 13-year-old girl in the town Fanwood, New Jersey, a town in my Congressional District. This young girl left her home to meet an 18-year-old man that she met on the Internet. Through the technical sleuth work of Cyberangels--tracking the man through his E-mail address--the girl and her family were reunited in little more than a day.
- Cyberangels sets an excellent example of how private citizens and law enforcement agencies can work together to reduce Internet crimes. It is my hope that Congress will soon do their part in protecting our children by enacting legislation to filter harmful material out of schools and libraries and ensure that cybermolesters receive the punishment they deserve.
- In the meantime, Mr. Speaker I hope that you will join me in commending Cyberangels for their superb efforts to keep our children safe while they roam the vast resources on the Web. I also encourage everyone to visit Cyberangels on the web at [www.cyberangels.com](http://www.cyberangels.com).

