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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to violence against truckers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are 8,000,000 workers in the trucking industry in the United States, some working for large carriers and some for small carriers, some for private carriers and some owner operators, all assisting the free flow commerce by transporting all types of commodities that enter, leave, or move within this country;

Whereas unemployment, crime, and drug use have contributed to an increase of violence against commercial truckers, an increase that has gone unrecognized by the public at large;

Whereas few State or local authorities report violent crimes against truckers as such to the Federal Bureau of Inves-

tigation, statistics do not reflect this fast-growing and increasingly violent segment of crime;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated 282 truck hijackings involving crimes of violence in 1993, not including attempted crimes and crimes addressed by State, county, and local authorities;

Whereas the Federal Government in large measure finances the highway system the trucking industry uses, collecting large sums in taxes from the industry, and licenses and regulates the industry and its drivers, entailing a concomitant responsibility to protect them against crime; and

Whereas Federal law provides protections to truckers in among others, sections 33 and 1951 of title 18, United States Code, but currently Federal prosecutions are not undertaken unless certain monetary thresholds of loss are met: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) when there is Federal jurisdiction, Federal
4 authorities should prosecute to the fullest extent of
5 the law murders, rapes, burglaries, kidnappings and
6 assaults committed against commercial truckers; and

7 (2) appropriate Federal agencies should ac-
8 knowledge this problem and place a priority on eval-
9 uation how best to prevent these crimes and appre-
10 hend those involved, and continue to coordinate their

- 1 activities with multi-jurisdictional authorities to
- 2 combat violent crimes committed against truckers.