

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 280

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to protections for persons  
changing their names to avoid domestic violence.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 1994

Mr. KLEIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to protections  
for persons changing their names to avoid domestic violence.

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

3            (1) victims of domestic violence face growing  
4        harassment from their predators and deserve the  
5        highest level of protection from that harassment;  
6        and

7            (2) each State should—

8            (A) allow a victim of domestic violence to  
9        change names in a manner that keeps the  
10       change private and not printed in any public

1 record, with disclosure of the change made  
2 only—

3 (i) to bona fide and verified creditors  
4 of the victim and to police acting in official  
5 capacity; and

6 (ii) when accompanied by immediate  
7 notice to the victim;

8 (B) set the cost of changes in name for do-  
9 mestic violence victims at a minimum and pro-  
10 vide waivers of that charge for those victims  
11 unable to pay it; and

12 (C) provide that changes in name for such  
13 a victim can be accomplished in a short period  
14 of time so that the victim is protected as soon  
15 as possible.

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