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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should categorically disavow any intention of issuing pardons to James or Susan McDougal or Jim Guy Tucker.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas it is incumbent upon the United States House of Representatives to oppose any action that would have the effect of undermining the rule of law or the American people's faith in the jury system;

Whereas on May 28, 1996, the President of the United States' former business partners were found guilty of a total of 24 felony counts by a jury of 12 Arkansas citizens;

Whereas Susan McDougal and Jim Guy Tucker have been sentenced for their crimes by a Federal district judge in

Little Rock, Arkansas, and their codefendant James McDougal is awaiting sentencing by the same judge;

Whereas on September 4, 1996, Susan McDougal was held in contempt of court for refusing to answer questions before a Federal grand jury relating to (1) the President of the United States' knowledge of the fraudulent transactions for which she was convicted, and (2) the truthfulness of the President of the United States' testimony at her trial;

Whereas in a televised interview broadcast on September 23, 1996, the President of the United States stated that any requests for a presidential pardon made by James or Susan McDougal or Jim Guy Tucker would be reviewed in the normal course, thereby leaving open the possibility that pardons might indeed be issued at some later date;

Whereas any presidential pardon of James or Susan McDougal or Jim Guy Tucker would seriously undermine the confidence of the American people in our criminal justice system, by essentially nullifying felony convictions of friends and associates of the President of the United States rendered by a jury of 12 Arkansas citizens on charges initially brought by a grand jury comprised of 23 other Arkansans; and

Whereas the September 23, 1996, remarks by the President of the United States could be construed by his recently convicted friends and associates as offering them an inducement to refuse to testify honestly and openly about matters under investigation by Federal law enforcement authorities: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 President of the United States should categorically dis-
2 avow any intention of issuing presidential pardons to
3 James and Susan McDougal and Jim Guy Tucker, and
4 thereby affirm the principle that in the American system,
5 no one is above the law.

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