

104TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 137

To express the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the use of violence and terror to influence the actions of the Government of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 1995

Mr. NADLER introduced the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas democracy provides the greatest opportunity for citizen participation in public affairs;

Whereas democracy is the form of government most consistent with individual liberty;

Whereas the peaceful resolution of disputes and the rule of law applied by an independent judiciary are necessary underpinnings of a free and democratic society;

Whereas the use of armed force against public officers in the performance of their official duties, pursuant to laws enacted through the democratic process, is nothing less than an attack on democracy itself;

Whereas irresponsible and inflammatory statements calling for such attacks, and providing instruction in their execution, while protected by the first amendment to the United States Constitution, are nonetheless worthy of condemnation by responsible citizens;

Whereas such statements are particularly reprehensible when broadcast to large numbers of people;

Whereas comments made by G. Gordon Liddy on his radio talkshow, broadcast to 262 stations nationwide, advocated and provided detailed instructions on methods to kill Federal agents, incite murder, violence and lawlessness; and

Whereas the appropriate means of changing public policy is peacefully and lawfully through the democratic process:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the use of violence and random
3 terror for political purposes,

4 (2) condemns the exhortations to terror, murder,
5 lawlessness and violence made by G. Gordon
6 Liddy,

7 (3) condemns the advocacy of, exhortation to,
8 and preparation for such acts of violence as a significant
9 threat to democracy and freedom, and

10 (4) reaffirms this Nation's commitment to free
11 expression which, nonetheless, does not preclude
12 condemnation of irresponsible speech.

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