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# H. RES. 243

Urging the prosecution of ex-Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman for perjury, investigation into other possible crimes by Mr. Fuhrman, and adoption of reforms by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 1995

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. RUSH, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. FORD, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Urging the prosecution of ex-Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman for perjury, investigation into other possible crimes by Mr. Fuhrman, and adoption of reforms by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Whereas ex-Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman lied under oath on the witness stand during the murder trial

of Orenthal James Simpson in front of an international television viewing audience;

Whereas witnesses at that trial testified that Mr. Fuhrman used racial epithets and harbors racist attitudes, which testimony was directly contrary to the sworn testimony of Mr. Fuhrman;

Whereas tape recordings of Mr. Fuhrman, which have been made public, document Mr. Fuhrman's use of racial epithets and his racist attitudes;

Whereas the Justice Department is reviewing Mr. Fuhrman's statements and other evidence to determine whether Federal crimes have been committed by Mr. Fuhrman;

Whereas the integrity and effectiveness of the criminal justice system depend on truthful testimony and authentic evidence;

Whereas the Los Angeles citizenry's faith in the Los Angeles Police Department and the entire criminal justice system has been eroded by Mr. Fuhrman's untruthful testimony and racist attitudes;

Whereas the untruthful testimony and racist attitudes of Mr. Fuhrman have exacerbated the tension between the Los Angeles Police Department and the community it serves; and

Whereas the people of Los Angeles are entitled to an effective police department, the members of which serve the people of Los Angeles with honesty and integrity: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2 representatives that—

1           (1) the Los Angeles County District Attorney  
2           Gil Garcetti (or his successor) should move swiftly to  
3           file charges of perjury against ex-Los Angeles Police  
4           Detective Mark Fuhrman;

5           (2) the Los Angeles County District Attorney  
6           Gil Garcetti (or his successor), the Attorney General  
7           of the State of California, and the Attorney General  
8           of the United States should file charges against Mr.  
9           Fuhrman for any other crime that tape recordings  
10          of Mr. Fuhrman and other evidence sufficiently indi-  
11          cate may have been committed by Mr. Fuhrman;  
12          and

13          (3) the Los Angeles Police Department and the  
14          Chief of Police for the City of Los Angeles should  
15          expedite any reforms proposed by the July 9, 1991,  
16          report of the Independent Commission on the Los  
17          Angeles Police Department (also known as the  
18          Christopher Commission) endorsed by the Los Ange-  
19          les voters in 1992, which would help to ensure that  
20          the members of the Los Angeles Police Department  
21          serve the people of Los Angeles with honesty and in-  
22          tegrity.

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