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H. RES. 412

Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration
on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MICA, Mr. OSE, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement
Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was first created by executive order on July 6, 1973, merging the previously separate law enforcement and intelligence agencies responsible for narcotics control;

Whereas the first Administrator of the DEA, John R. Bartels, Jr., was confirmed by the Senate on October 4, 1973;

Whereas since 1973 the men and women of the DEA have served our Nation with courage, vision and determination, protecting all Americans from the scourge of drug trafficking, abuse, and related violence;

Whereas between 1986 and 2002 alone, DEA agents seized over 10,000 kilograms of heroin, 900,000 kilograms of cocaine, 4,600,000 kilograms of marijuana, 113,000,000 dosage units of hallucinogens, and 1,500,000,000 dosage units of methamphetamine, and made over 443,000 arrests of drug traffickers;

Whereas DEA agents continue to lead task forces of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials throughout the Nation, in a cooperative effort to stop drug trafficking and put drug gangs behind bars;

Whereas throughout its history many DEA employees and members of DEA task forces have given their lives in the defense of our Nation, including: Emir Benitez, Gerald Sawyer, Leslie S. Grosso, Nickolas Fragos, Mary M. Keehan, Charles H. Mann, Anna Y. Mounger, Anna J. Pope, Martha D. Skeels, Mary P. Sullivan, Larry D. Wallace, Ralph N. Shaw, James T. Lunn, Octavio Gonzalez, Francis J. Miller, Robert C. Lightfoot, Thomas J. Devine, Larry N. Carwell, Marcellus Ward, Enrique S. Camarena, James A. Avant, Charles M. Bassing, Kevin L. Brosch, Susan M. Hoefler, William Ramos, Raymond J. Stastny, Arthur L. Cash, Terry W. McNett, George M. Montoya, Paul S. Seema, Everett E. Hatcher, Rickie C. Finley, Joseph T. Aversa, Wallie Howard, Jr., Eugene T. McCarthy, Alan H. Winn, George D. Althouse, Becky L. Dwojeski, Stephen J. Strehl, Richard E. Fass, Juan C. Vars, Jay W. Seale, Meredith Thompson, Frank S. Wallace, Jr., Frank Fernandez, Jr., Kenneth G. McCullough, Carrol June Fields, Rona L. Chafey, Shelly D. Bland, Carrie A. Lenz, Shaun E. Curl, Royce D. Tramel, Alice Faye Hall-Walton, and Elton Armstead;

Whereas many other employees and task force officers of the
DEA have been wounded or injured in the line of duty;
and

Whereas in its 173 domestic offices and 78 foreign offices
worldwide the over 8,800 employees of the DEA continue
to hunt down and bring to justice the drug trafficking
cartels that seek to poison our citizens with dangerous
narcotics: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the DEA on the occasion of
3 its 30th Anniversary;

4 (2) honors the heroic sacrifice of those of its
5 employees who have given their lives or been wound-
6 ed or injured in the service of our Nation; and

7 (3) thanks all the men and women of the DEA
8 for their past and continued efforts to defend the
9 American people from the scourge of illegal drugs.

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