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H. CON. RES. 307

Expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers.

Whereas Members' Congressional papers (including papers of Delegates and Resident Commissioners to the Congress) serve as indispensable sources for the study of American representative democracy;

Whereas these papers document vital national, regional, and local public policy issues;

Whereas these papers are crucial to the public's understanding of the role of Congress in making the Nation's laws and responding to the needs of its citizens;

Whereas because these papers serve as essential primary sources for the history of Congress, the study of these papers will illuminate the careers of individual Members;

Whereas by custom, these papers are considered the personal property of the Member who receives and creates them, and it is therefore the Member who is responsible to decide on their ultimate disposition; and

Whereas resources are available through the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate to assist Members with the professional and cost-effective management and preservation of these papers: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) Members' Congressional papers (including
4 papers of Delegates and Resident Commissioners to
5 the Congress) should be properly maintained;

6 (2) each Member of Congress should take all
7 necessary measures to manage and preserve the
8 Member's own Congressional papers; and

9 (3) each Member of Congress should be encour-
10 aged to arrange for the deposit or donation of the
11 Member's own noncurrent Congressional papers with
12 a research institution that is properly equipped to
13 care for them, and to make these papers available
14 for educational purposes at a time the Member con-
15 siders appropriate.

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