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H. RES. 1009

Recognizing school resource officers and their crucial role in keeping
America's students, teachers, and administrators safe.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (for herself, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. KELLER of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing school resource officers and their crucial role
in keeping America's students, teachers, and administrators
safe.

Whereas during the 2005–2006 school year, 86 percent of
public schools reported that at least 1 violent act, theft,
or other crime occurred at their schools;

Whereas from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, there
were 35 school-associated violent deaths in elementary
and secondary schools in the United States;

Whereas in 2005, 36 percent of students in grades 9–12 re-
ported they had been in a fight anywhere, and 14 percent

said they had been in a fight on school property during the previous 12 months;

Whereas in 2005, among students ages 12–18, there were about 1,500,000 victims of nonfatal crimes at school, including 868,100 thefts and 628,200 violent crimes;

Whereas in 2005, 8 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 reported being threatened or injured with a weapon in the previous year, and 25 percent reported drugs were made available to them on school property;

Whereas from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, there were 14 homicides and 3 suicides of youth at school, or about 1 homicide or suicide per 3,200,000 students enrolled during the 2005–2006 school year;

Whereas studies suggest that the mere presence of a uniformed police officer deters acts of crime;

Whereas research shows that an officer's presence gives students a sense of security;

Whereas research indicates that law enforcement integration into schools increases the likelihood that crimes taking place on school grounds will be detected, reported, and recorded;

Whereas school resource officers allow police forces greater flexibility in policing the surrounding community;

Whereas school resource officers provide schools with an immediate response to violent incidents on school grounds; and

Whereas school resource officers promote a positive image of law enforcement to the surrounding community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes school resource officers and their
2 crucial role in keeping America's students, teachers,
3 and administrators safe; and

4 (2) honors school resource officers for their out-
5 standing service to America's schools and commu-
6 nities.

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