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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, during World War II, 173 Allied airmen were captured by the enemy and held as prisoners of war at the Buchenwald concentration camp in Weimar, Germany;

Whereas the captured airmen included 81 Americans, 27 Canadians, and 65 Britons, Australians, and New Zealanders;

Whereas the facts and circumstances of their confinement are amply documented in the official records maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration;

Whereas a report from the International Red Cross concerning Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Germany, mentioned 6 American airmen held at Buchenwald, including 1 whose name does not appear on the lists maintained by the National Archives;

Whereas, since the liberation of Buchenwald in 1945, numerous personal memoirs, scholarly books, and articles have been published describing the conditions at the concentration camp;

Whereas this extensive documentation records the extraordinarily inhuman treatment, deprivations, and personal suffering inflicted on prisoners of war and other inmates at Buchenwald; and

Whereas Allied Governments and veterans organizations outside the United States have granted special recognition to their citizens and members who were held as prisoners of war in World War II concentration camps: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes and commends the valiant Amer-
4 ican airmen held as prisoners of war at the Buchen-
5 wald concentration camp during World War II for
6 their faithful service, personal bravery, and excep-
7 tional fortitude; and

1 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
2 mation recognizing and commending the service,
3 bravery, and fortitude of the American airmen.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 8,
1993.

Attest:

Clerk.