

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 557

Commending the Police Athletic League.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1994

Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. WASHINGTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas juvenile crime in the United States is on the rise and contributes to the increasing amount of fear and apprehension in the communities of the Nation;

Whereas one of the best hopes of reducing crime is by involving police officers in community efforts to prevent crime;

Whereas the Police Athletic League (also known as the Police Activities League and PAL) involves police officers in prevention as well as law enforcement activities;

Whereas PAL has been in existence for more than 50 years;

Whereas PAL has 246 local organizations throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands;

Whereas more than 25,000 police officers volunteer many hours protecting the communities of the Nation, thus ful-

filling the PAL motto “Filling Playgrounds, Not Prisons”;

Whereas one of PAL’s principal purposes is to promote trust and understanding between youth and police officers in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than confrontation;

Whereas PAL provides recreational and educational programs, including athletic tournaments, police cadet clubs, and computer training, for more than 3,000,000 youth nationwide; and

Whereas PAL provides at-risk youth with an alternative to drugs and crime: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
- 2 mends the Police Athletic League for establishing a bond
- 3 between youth and police officers, and for contributing to
- 4 the national effort to prevent crime.

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