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H. RES. 114

Recognizing the bravery, dedication, and commitment of Federal, State, county, city, and other law enforcement officers for their daily efforts in battling the use and production of methamphetamine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2001

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CANNON, Mr. HERGER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. WAMP, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BERRY, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BACA, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BEREUTER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. CONDIT, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. OSE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ROSS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. HILLEARY, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. OSBORNE, Ms. DUNN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INSLEE, Mrs. BONO, Mr. MCINNIS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. REYES, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. LEACH, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HORN, Mr. POMBO, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the bravery, dedication, and commitment of Federal, State, county, city, and other law enforcement officers for their daily efforts in battling the use and production of methamphetamine.

Whereas methamphetamine, or “meth”, is a dangerous, sometimes lethal and unpredictable drug that represents the fastest growing drug threat in America today;

Whereas methamphetamine use frequently results in violent and unpredictable behavior in users;

Whereas methamphetamine production is undertaken in laboratories that create an inherent danger to public safety officers, who are often exposed to highly toxic contaminants;

Whereas these public servants jeopardize their own health and safety because of the extremely high levels of lethal poisons that can cause devastating, irreparable effects on them, including the possibility of death;

Whereas during 1999, 4.3 percent (9,400,000 people) of the United States population reported trying meth at least once in their lifetime;

Whereas among high school seniors surveyed in 2000, 7.9 percent had tried methamphetamine in their lifetime;

Whereas in 1999, more than a million Americans used meth in just 1 year, more than used crack and almost 3 times as many as used heroin;

Whereas authorities seized 560 kilograms of methamphetamine along the United States-Mexico border in 1998;

Whereas during fiscal year 1999 there were a total of 2,847 Federal offenders sentenced for methamphetamine-related offenses in United States courts;

Whereas almost 20 percent of Federal methamphetamine offenders had a weapon involved with their drug offense, one of the highest percentages of weapon involvement of any drug;

Whereas lab seizures by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have increased seven-fold in the past 6 years, from 263 in 1994 to 1,874 in 2000;

Whereas State and local law enforcement agencies seized an additional 6,354 labs in 2000, nearly all of which produced meth;

Whereas in 1999 the Federal-Wide Drug Seizure System (FDSS), which includes seizures by the DEA, FBI, United States Customs Service, United States Border Patrol, United States Forest Service, and maritime seizures by the United States Coast Guard, reported 2.64 tons of methamphetamine seized;

Whereas in 1999, 237 “super” (greater than 10 pounds capacity) meth labs were seized;

Whereas in 1999, DEA officers arrested 8,618 persons for meth-related violations;

Whereas in 1999, 64 fires were reported at seized meth labs;

Whereas in 1999, 104 explosions were reported at seized meth labs; and

Whereas in 1999, 40 booby traps were reported at seized meth labs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the intrinsic risks that law en-
3 enforcement officials must take while enforcing meth-
4 amphetamine-related laws;

5 (2) praises the cooperation and coordination be-
6 tween Federal, State, and local law enforcement or-

1 organizations, which play a critical role in controlling
2 this dangerous epidemic;

3 (3) honors the families of law enforcement offi-
4 cers who must subject their families to the dangers
5 posed by methamphetamine enforcement; and

6 (4) recognizes those law enforcement officers
7 who have been injured or killed in the line of duty
8 during the enforcement of meth-related offenses.

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