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H. RES. 153

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts should not honor G. Gordon Liddy because of his use of hateful speech and its potential to inflame violence against law enforcement officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts should not honor G. Gordon Liddy because of his use of hateful speech and its potential to inflame violence against law enforcement officers.

Whereas the United States must vigorously protect its tradition of free speech;

Whereas defending the tradition of free speech does not force the people of the United States to condone poisonous, hateful talk;

Whereas leaders from all segments of society have a solemn duty to join together to foster responsible debate and reject calls for violence;

Whereas G. Gordon Liddy is a talk radio host and convicted felon with a syndicated program on 262 stations nationwide;

Whereas G. Gordon Liddy has encouraged his listeners to shoot guns at the heads of agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms because those agents wear bullet proof vests;

Whereas G. Gordon Liddy directed his listeners to shoot Federal agents “twice to the body, the center of mass and if that does not work then shoot to the groin area”;

Whereas such talk encourages violence against the law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day to enforce the Nation’s laws;

Whereas President Clinton and former President Bush have denounced language that dishonors the public servants who keep the law; and

Whereas the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts plans to honor G. Gordon Liddy on June 24 at their annual Talk Radio Convention in Houston as the winner of the 1995 Freedom of Speech Award: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) inflammatory language that fosters hate
4 and encourages violence against Federal law enforce-
5 ment officials undermines the rule of law; and

6 (2) the National Association of Radio Talk
7 Show Hosts should revoke their award to G. Gordon
8 Liddy and pass a resolution condemning the use of

- 1 hateful speech that fosters violence against those
- 2 who enforce the Nation's laws.

