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Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the inadequacy of sewage infrastructure facilities in Tijuana, Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILBRAY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, since the 1930's, United States beaches have been severely impacted by the flow of sewage from Mexico and, in the last 2 decades, this environmental problem has been elevated to a major health and safety concern; and

Whereas, most recently, the flow of sewage from Tijuana, Mexico, has forced beach closures and caused other environmental and economic hardships in the cities of Imperial Beach, Coronado, and San Diego, California, and caused severe degradation of the Tijuana National Estuarian Wildlife Preserve: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) if the Government of Mexico does not take
2 appropriate actions to recognize and mitigate the in-
3 adequacy of sewage infrastructure facilities in Mex-
4 ico (including facilities for the treatment and trans-
5 port of sewage) and the adverse environmental and
6 economic impacts of sewage from Mexico on cities in
7 the United States, the United States should review
8 its obligations with Mexico under treaties and other
9 international agreements (including agreements re-
10 lating to port access, loan guarantees, and other
11 types of foreign aid) and take appropriate actions to
12 ensure that the Government of Mexico shares in the
13 burdens caused by its sewage infrastructure prob-
14 lems; and

15 (2) any measurement of the responsiveness of
16 the Government of Mexico to requests to mitigate its
17 sewage treatment problems should be based on risk
18 assessment procedures developed in consultation
19 with the San Diego County Health Officer.

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