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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. REDMOND, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. HYDE, Mr. RILEY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth.

Whereas recently revealed statistics demonstrate that America is not winning the battle to keep young Americans drug-free;

Whereas the results of these studies show that 29 percent of high school students state that a student in their school died from a drug-related or an alcohol-related incident in the last year;

Whereas 76 percent of high school students and 46 percent of middle school students claim drugs are kept, used, or sold on their school grounds;

Whereas studies show that 66 percent of high school students claim they can buy drugs within 1 day and 44 percent claim they can buy drugs within 1 hour or less;

Whereas it is reported that the use of heroin is increasing and that 90 percent of new heroin users are under 26 years old;

Whereas the use of drugs at a young age dramatically increases the risk of failure to complete high school, increases the likelihood of committing crimes, and reduces future prospects in education, athletics, and careers;

Whereas it is known that safe, drug-free, and orderly classrooms are key to an effective learning environment;

Whereas parental involvement in education is critical to a healthy learning environment;

Whereas violent crime rates across the United States have declined due to strong parental involvement and cooperation among local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the same unified effort and commitment are needed to fight drugs in our schools, playgrounds, and communities; and

Whereas Congress has the unique ability to provide leadership on this issue by raising awareness of the dangers of drugs in schools in every community across this great Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

2 (1) all schools should be drug-free;

1 (2) the distribution, sale, and use of illegal
2 drugs in the Nation's schools is unacceptable;

3 (3) all Federal, State, and local drug fighting
4 agencies should work together with schools and par-
5 ents to ensure that a renewed effort is made to fight
6 the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs in our
7 schools and to America's youth;

8 (4) all governmental leaders and parents share
9 a role in raising the awareness of this issue and of-
10 fering constructive alternatives to illegal drug use;
11 and

12 (5) Congress and the President should set a
13 goal to end the distribution, sale, and use of illegal
14 drugs in the Nation's schools by the year 2000 and,
15 work with local communities and parents to imple-
16 ment meaningful policies to achieve this goal.

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