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H. RES. 343

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the award of attorneys' fee, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. STUMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform, convened by President Clinton in 1993, was charged with calling together officials of the Federal Government and others to debate critical health issues of concern to the American Public;

Whereas the Task Force convened behind closed doors and inappropriately included individuals who were not employees of the Federal Government;

Whereas United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth ruled in Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc., et al. versus Hillary Rodham Clinton, et al., that representatives of the administration engaged in “dishonest” and “reprehensible” conduct in characterizing the membership of the Task Force;

Whereas Judge Royce C. Lamberth on the basis of such conduct ruled against the now-defunct Task Force, and ordered the defendants to pay \$285,864.78 in attorneys’ fees, costs, and sanctions for the plaintiffs; and

Whereas American taxpayers should not be held responsible for the inappropriate conduct of Federal Government officials and lawyers involved with the Task Force: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the award of \$285,864.78 in attorneys’
3 fees, costs, and sanctions that Judge Royce C. Lamberth
4 ordered the defendants to pay in Association of American
5 Physicians and Surgeons, Inc., et al. versus Hillary
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7 funds.

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