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H. CON. RES. 402

Recognizing the importance of the Selective Service System on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the United States' first peacetime military registration effort and the continued need for American men to register for possible service in the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUYKENDALL (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. LARSON, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. OSE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SISISKY, and Mr. SKELTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of the Selective Service System on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the United States' first peacetime military registration effort and the continued need for American men to register for possible service in the Armed Forces.

Whereas the United States relied on a form of conscription to fulfill the military personnel needs of the Armed Forces during the Civil War and World War I;

Whereas, in response to the outbreak of warfare in Africa, Asia, and Europe, the Congress enacted the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 to institute the first

peacetime military registration effort in the United States, and ten million men, two-thirds of all United States troops serving in World War II enlisted through the draft system;

Whereas, in 1948, the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 et seq.) replaced the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 and reiterated the duty of every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person residing in the United States, who is between the ages of 18 and 26 to register for possible service in the Armed Forces;

Whereas since 1940, the Selective Service System has been an important supplement to the Armed Forces to ensure that our military has adequate personnel in times of conflict;

Whereas the Selective Service System was revitalized in 1979 to address the criticisms raised in connection with the operation of the System during the Vietnam War;

Whereas every American male, whether a citizen or noncitizen, is still required to register under the Military Selective Service Act at the age of 18; and

Whereas registration compliance has diminished in the past few years, even in the face of severe penalties and the possibility of losing access to Federal financial aid and jobs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That, on the 60th anniversary of the first
 3 peacetime military registration effort in United States his-
 4 tory, the Congress recognizes—

1 (1) that the United States must continue to be
2 prepared to defend the people and national interests
3 of the United States in times of conflict; and

4 (2) the continued need for male citizens of the
5 United States, and other males residing in the
6 United States, who attain the age of 18 to register
7 for possible service in the Armed Forces as required
8 by the Military Selective Service Act.

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