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H. RES. 124

Condemning acts of police brutality and use of excessive force throughout the country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. OWENS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. FORD, Mr. CLAY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. CARSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. DIXON, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. RANGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning acts of police brutality and use of excessive force throughout the country.

Whereas police brutality and the use of excessive force constitute one of the most serious and divisive human rights issues in the United States;

Whereas a small percentage of police, through acts of brutality and the use of excessive force, have given the vast majority of police who abide by the law a bad reputation;

Whereas police brutality and the use of excessive force have led to public mistrust of the police, particularly in communities of racial minorities;

Whereas police brutality and the use of excessive force have resulted in the torture and death of innocent people;

Whereas police brutality and the use of excessive force have caused tension between the police and the public;

Whereas the House of Representatives finds that the behavior of police officers who engage in unjustified shootings, beatings, fatal chokings, and any other excessive treatment is inconsistent with the Constitution; and

Whereas the House of Representatives finds that the rule of law in the United States is undermined when a few police officers engage in a pattern of conduct inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) advocates sound and unbiased law enforce-
3 ment practices;

4 (2) commends those police officers who risk
5 their lives in service of all individuals, to whom the
6 protections of the Constitution are granted equally;
7 and

- 1 (3) condemns acts of brutality and the use of
- 2 excessive force by police officers.

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