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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to violence within our schools and the initiatives within States and localities to address this epidemic.

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. DOOLITTLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to violence within our schools and the initiatives within States and localities to address this epidemic.

Whereas the United States has been plagued by an outbreak of violence within our schools over the course of the past year;

Whereas violent and disruptive behavior within our schools is a deterrent to the learning process and detracts from education in general;

Whereas classrooms must remain some of the safest places for our Nation's young people and should be a place of learning and opening exchange of ideas, not a harbinger of fear and apprehension;

Whereas recent events in Decatur, Illinois have once again showcased the extent to which our school communities are impacted by juvenile violence; and

Whereas the House of Representatives has sought initiatives and taken steps to combat the spread of youth violence within our schools: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that the Congress—

3 (1) commends States and localities, and in par-
4 ticular the Decatur School Board, in efforts to com-
5 bat school-based violence, including qualified zero-
6 tolerance policies for violent actions; and

7 (2) urges continued diligence in efforts to create
8 a safe learning environment for our Nation's youth.

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