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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the basic allowance for housing for members of the Armed Forces stationed in San Diego and Orange Counties, California, should be increased to compensate for increased energy costs there.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2000

Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PACKARD, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the basic allowance for housing for members of the Armed Forces stationed in San Diego and Orange Counties, California, should be increased to compensate for increased energy costs there.

Whereas the economy of San Diego and Orange Counties, California, is being drained of \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 each month as a result of unreasonable electric power costs;

Whereas electricity consumers in San Diego and Orange Counties are expected to be \$500,000,000 poorer by the end of October 2000 as a result of electricity price spikes;

Whereas electricity prices increased by 9,000 percent in a matter of hours during periods of peak demand in San Diego and Orange Counties this summer;

Whereas Department of Defense data for the year 2000 did not show San Diego or Orange County to be in a high cost area and the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United States Code, was not increased for members of the Armed Forces stationed there; and

Whereas the current basic allowance for housing does not reflect the current high electricity costs which must be borne by these men and women: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that the basic allowance for housing under
 3 section 403 of title 37, United States Code, for members
 4 of the Armed Forces stationed in San Diego and Orange
 5 Counties, California, should be adjusted promptly to pro-
 6 vide immediate relief from the electricity crisis.

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