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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should release emergency funding under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in view of the large number of people who lost their jobs due to the weak economy or as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Ms. SOLIS (for herself, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LEE, Mr. KIND, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BACA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ISRAEL, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. CLAY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WATSON of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. FROST, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WALSH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. QUINN, Mr. OLVER, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. CAPUANO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should release emergency funding under

the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in view of the large number of people who lost their jobs due to the weak economy or as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Whereas our country is healing from the terrorists attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001;

Whereas a weak economy, combined with the events of September 11, 2001, has caused an enormous loss of jobs;

Whereas economists predict the continued fallout from the September 11 attacks, the fear of anthrax, falling consumer confidence, and worries over unemployment will slow consumer spending further and worsen the economy;

Whereas more individuals will need Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assistance in fiscal year 2002 due to the recent increase in unemployment and the slowing economy;

Whereas the Federal Government has a duty to meet this temporary challenge;

Whereas the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program could directly help individuals affected by the slowing economy;

Whereas the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally-funded block grant program that helps ease the energy cost burden of low-income households;

Whereas Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program emergency funds have been used in the past to assist those in crisis circumstances, and the September 11, 2001, attacks created crises for households throughout the country; and

Whereas the President currently has at his disposal emergency Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds that could assist those who are without jobs and are in extreme economic distress as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, pay their energy bills: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that the President should use his authority  
3       under section 2602(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy  
4       Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)) to release  
5       emergency funds immediately to States to ease the addi-  
6       tional financial burden that job loss and depressed con-  
7       sumer confidence have placed on low-income families.

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