

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 309

Honoring the United States Capitol Police for their commitment to security  
at the Capitol.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2001

Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. NEY, and Mr. HOYER) submitted  
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House  
Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the United States Capitol Police for their  
commitment to security at the Capitol.

Whereas the Capitol is an important symbol of freedom and  
democracy across the United States and throughout the  
world, and those who safeguard the Capitol safeguard  
that freedom and democracy;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to ob-  
serve and learn the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force was created  
by Congress in 1828 to provide security for the Capitol;

Whereas today the United States Capitol Police provide pro-  
tection and support services throughout an array of con-  
gressional buildings, parks, and thoroughfares;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police provide security for Members of Congress, their staffs, other government employees, and many others who live near, work on, and visit Capitol Hill;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police have successfully managed and coordinated major demonstrations, joint sessions of Congress, State of the Union Addresses, State funerals, and inaugurations;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police have bravely faced numerous emergencies, including three bombings and two shootings, one of which, in 1998, tragically took the lives of Private First Class Jacob “J.J.” Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson;

Whereas the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have created a uniquely difficult environment for the United States Capitol Police;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police responded to this challenge quickly and courageously, including by facilitating the evacuation of all of the buildings under their purview, as well as the perimeter thereof; and

Whereas the United States Capitol Police have instituted longer shifts, requiring that officers work substantial overtime each week to ensure the continued protection of the Capitol: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
- 2 and thanks the United States Capitol Police for their out-
- 3 standing work and dedication during a period of height-
- 4 ened security that began on September 11, 2001.

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