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S. RES. 284

Expressing support for “National Night Out” and requesting that the President make neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime important priorities of the Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2002

Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for “National Night Out” and requesting that the President make neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime important priorities of the Administration.

Whereas neighborhood crime is a continuing concern of the American people;

Whereas the fight against neighborhood crime and terrorism requires the cooperation of community residents, neighborhood crime watch organizations, schools, community policing groups, and other law enforcement officials;

Whereas neighborhood crime watch organizations are effective in promoting awareness about, and the participation of volunteers in, crime prevention activities at the local level;

Whereas the vigilance of neighborhood crime watch organizations creates safer communities and discourages drug dealers from operating in the communities monitored by those organizations;

Whereas the American people are concerned about violence and crime in schools, especially about incidents that result in fatalities at school, and are seeking methods to prevent such violence and crime;

Whereas community-based programs involving law enforcement personnel, school administrators, teachers, parents, and local communities are effective in reducing violence and crime in schools;

Whereas the Federal Government has made efforts to prevent neighborhood crime, including supporting community policing programs;

Whereas the Attorney General has called Federal efforts to support community policing a “miraculous sort of success”;

Whereas the Administration has supported neighborhood watch programs through the establishment of the Citizen Corps;

Whereas on August 6, 2002, people across America will take part in National Night Out, an event that highlights the importance of community participation in crime prevention efforts;

Whereas on National Night Out participants will light up their homes and neighborhoods between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on that date, and spend that time outside with their neighbors; and

Whereas schools that turn their lights on from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on August 6, 2002, send a positive message

to the participants of National Night Out and show their commitment to reducing crime and violence in schools: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals of National Night Out;

3 (2) recognizes that the fight against neighbor-
4 hood crime and terrorism requires individuals, neigh-
5 borhood crime watch organizations, schools, and
6 community policing groups and other law enforce-
7 ment officials to work together;

8 (3) encourages neighborhood residents, crime
9 watch organizations, and schools to participate in
10 National Night Out activities on August 6, 2002, be-
11 tween 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and

12 (4) requests that the President—

13 (A) issue a proclamation calling on the
14 people of the United States to participate in
15 National Night Out with appropriate activities;
16 and

17 (B) make neighborhood crime prevention,
18 community policing, and reduction of school
19 crime important priorities of the Administra-
20 tion.

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