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H. CON. RES. 323

Urging the President to immediately request the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. OWENS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. STARK, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. NADLER, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. WATSON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Ms. KAPTUR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the President to immediately request the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Whereas Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is the chief architect and custodian of the invasion and occupation of Iraq;

Whereas Secretary Rumsfeld must be held accountable for the conduct of the war and the subsequent occupation;

Whereas the tragic deaths of 240 American soldiers in Iraq during the occupation, with 19 perishing in this past

week, underscores Secretary Rumsfeld's gross mismanagement of his responsibilities;

Whereas by rejecting the advice of his senior military officers and sending members of the Armed Forces to war in Iraq without adequate planning and sufficient equipment, Secretary Rumsfeld has subjected members of the Armed Forces to an unacceptable level of danger, resulting in higher casualties and injuries and compromising the success of the mission;

Whereas repeated miscalculations by Secretary Rumsfeld regarding the planning and handling of the invasion and occupation, as well as the solicitation of assistance from the international community, have caused the Armed Forces to be caught in a quagmire in Iraq;

Whereas Secretary Rumsfeld has misled the American people in his assessments of the progress of the war and occupation; and

Whereas Secretary Rumsfeld has demonstrated a lack of sensitivity in his public statements regarding the war and Armed Forces casualties: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress urges the President, in light
 3 of these aforementioned failures, to immediately request
 4 the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

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