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H. CON. RES. 411

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. POE, Mr. PETRI, Mr. GERLACH, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. SHAYS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week.

Whereas communities across the country face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement-community partnerships are an effective tool for preventing crime and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) are leading national resources providing community safety and crime prevention tools tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas the NSA and the NCPC have joined together to create the "Celebrate Safe Communities" (CSC) initiative in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will be launched the first week of October 2008 to help kickoff recognition of October as Crime Prevention Month;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" is designed to help local communities highlight the importance of residents and law enforcement working together to keep communities safe places to live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will enhance the public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages and motivate Americans of all ages to learn what they can do to stay safe from crime;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will help promote year-round support for locally based and law enforcement-led community safety initiatives that help keep families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses safe from crime; and

Whereas the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, would be an appropriate week to designate as "Celebrate Safe Communities" Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

1 (1) supports the designation of “Celebrate Safe
2 Communities” Week;

3 (2) commends the efforts of the thousands of
4 local law enforcement agencies and their countless
5 community partners educating and engaging resi-
6 dents of all ages in the fight against crime;

7 (3) asks communities across the country to con-
8 sider how “Celebrate Safe Communities” can help
9 them highlight local successes in the fight against
10 crime; and

11 (4) encourages the National Sheriffs’ Associa-
12 tion and the National Crime Prevention Council to
13 continue to promote through “Celebrate Safe Com-
14 munities” and year-round, individual and collective
15 action, in collaboration with law enforcement and
16 other supporting local agencies, to reduce crime and
17 build safer communities throughout the United
18 States.

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