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Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Justice.

Whereas the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) of the Department of Justice is part of an interagency Federal effort to identify suspected perpetrators of human rights violations who have entered the United States, to prosecute such individuals in the United States under applicable laws, and to remove or extradite them to countries or international tribunals that can try them for their crimes;

Whereas those who perpetrate serious human rights violations abroad, including genocide, torture, extrajudicial killing, and persecution, should not find refuge in the United States and should face accountability for their crimes;

Whereas the OSI is responsible for identifying human rights violators who have obtained U.S. citizenship and for taking legal action, through civil or criminal charges, to revoke that citizenship so that they can face appropriate measures to hold them accountable;

Whereas OSI works with the Department of Homeland Security and other domestic and foreign authorities to deny safe haven and impunity to human rights violators;

Whereas OSI was originally created in 1979 to investigate and prosecute participants in World War II-era acts of Nazi-sponsored persecution;

Whereas the office's success in pursuing that mission precipitated an expansion of its responsibilities, and on December 17, 2004, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA) was signed into law;

Whereas the IRTPA expanded OSI's responsibility by providing it with the authority to investigate and bring legal actions in Federal court to revoke the United States citizenship of any naturalized U.S. citizen who committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated abroad in genocide or, under color of foreign law, participated in torture or extrajudicial killing;

Whereas the OSI continues to garner international accolades for its work on the defining battles of the 20th century by bringing Nazi war criminals to justice; and

Whereas as of 2008, OSI has successfully prosecuted 107 Nazi persecutors and has worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security to stop at U.S. ports of entry more than 180 former European and Japanese Axis perpetrators and suspected perpetrators of acts of persecu-

tion and to bar them from entering the United States:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the 30th anniversary of the cre-
3 ation of the Office of Special Investigations at the
4 Department of Justice; and

5 (2) urges the President to issue a proclamation
6 calling for an observation of this anniversary.

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