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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2019

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

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RESOLUTION

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Whereas political gerrymandering occurs when politicians draw their own congressional district lines to protect their self-interest at the expense of creating districts that reflect communities of interest;

Whereas political gerrymandering can result in decreased electoral competition between congressional candidates, and in turn decreased responsiveness by Members of Congress to their voters' interests;

Whereas political gerrymandering can be used to split or pack certain demographic and political groups into congressional districts in order to disproportionately diminish their representation in Congress;

Whereas political gerrymandering can be used to protect the majority party and punish the minority party;

Whereas political gerrymandering can decrease Americans' faith and trust in congressional elections;

Whereas political gerrymandering is generally harmful to our democracy;

Whereas many States have taken great strides to ameliorate political gerrymandering, ranging from Hawaii and California to Arizona and Ohio;

Whereas the United States Constitution provides the authority for Congress to regulate elections and redistricting; and

Whereas the Supreme Court has affirmed Congress' authority provided in the United States Constitution to regulate elections and redistricting: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved,* That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that congressional redistricting should be re-
3 formed to remove political gerrymandering.

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