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H. CON. RES. 280

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to protections for persons
changing their names to avoid domestic violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLEIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to protections
for persons changing their names to avoid domestic violence.

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

3 (1) victims of domestic violence face growing
4 harassment from their predators and deserve the
5 highest level of protection from that harassment;
6 and

7 (2) each State should—

8 (A) allow a victim of domestic violence to
9 change names in a manner that keeps the
10 change private and not printed in any public

1 record, with disclosure of the change made
2 only—

3 (i) to bona fide and verified creditors
4 of the victim and to police acting in official
5 capacity; and

6 (ii) when accompanied by immediate
7 notice to the victim;

8 (B) set the cost of changes in name for do-
9 mestic violence victims at a minimum and pro-
10 vide waivers of that charge for those victims
11 unable to pay it; and

12 (C) provide that changes in name for such
13 a victim can be accomplished in a short period
14 of time so that the victim is protected as soon
15 as possible.

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