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Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should issue, and Congress should hold hearings on, a report and a certification regarding the responsibilities, authorities, and powers of his “czars”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. OLSON, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should issue, and Congress should hold hearings on, a report and a certification regarding the responsibilities, authorities, and powers of his “czars”.

Whereas Congress recognizes that the Constitution vests in the executive branch the power to appoint Presidential advisers whose communications to the President are protected under executive privilege;

Whereas Congress recognizes the importance of coordinating executive agencies, and recognizes that Presidents often appoint special assistants, commonly referred to as

“czars”, to manage this coordination with regard to important areas of national policy, and to advise the President;

Whereas at least 36 czars have been appointed in 2009, raising concerns about the Federal government’s provision of adequate transparency and accountability to the public; and

Whereas members of Congress are concerned that the appointment of these czars and their actions may subvert the legislative and oversight authority of Congress under article I of the Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the President should—

4 (A) issue a report to Congress clearly out-
5 lining the responsibilities, qualifications, and
6 authorities of the special assistants to the
7 President, commonly referred to as “czars”,
8 that he has appointed; and

9 (B) certify to Congress that such czars
10 have not asserted and will not in the future as-
11 sert any powers other than those granted by
12 statute to a commissioned officer on the Presi-
13 dent’s staff; and

1 (2) Congress should hold hearings on such re-
2 port and such certification within 30 days after the
3 date of their receipt.

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