

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DRUG EN-
FORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

FEBRUARY 3, 2004.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SENSENBRENNER, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 412]

[Including Committee Cost Estimate]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 412) honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

This resolution recognizes the outstanding contribution of the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) and its men and women, many of whom have been injured or killed in service to this country.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

The House of Representatives recognizes the need for a resolution honoring the men and women of the DEA. The DEA was first created by executive order on July 6, 1973. The DEA, as we now know it, was a merger of separate law enforcement and intelligence agencies that shared responsibility for narcotics control. The DEA became the lead agency nationwide working with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to stop drug trafficking and put drug offenders behind bars.

The DEA operates worldwide with 173 domestic offices and 78 foreign offices employing over 8,800 men and women. This resolution honors the 71 brave men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice in the battle against drugs, as well as the men and women who continue to fight this battle on a daily basis.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held in the Committee on the Judiciary on H. Res. 412.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On January 28, 2004, the Committee met in open session and ordered favorably reported the resolution H. Res. 412, without amendment by voice vote, a quorum being present.

VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 3(b) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee notes that there were no recorded votes during its consideration of H. Res. 412.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee reports that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable because this resolution does not provide new budgetary authority or increased tax expenditures.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with clause 3(d)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee believes that the resolution will have no cost.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H. Res. 412 does not authorize funding. Therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the authority for this resolution in article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The preamble of the resolution sets forth various facts relating to the history of the DEA. The resolving clause: (1) congratulates the DEA on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; (2) honors the heroic sacrifice of its employees who have been killed or injured in service to the Nation; and (3) thanks the men and women of the DEA for their continued service.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee notes that this resolution does not change existing law.

MARKUP TRANSCRIPT

BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:04 a.m., in Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. [Chairman of the Committee] presiding.

[Intervening business.]

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Pursuant to notice, I now call up House Resolution 412 honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th anniversary for purposes of markup, and move its favorable recommendation to the House. Without objection, the resolution will be considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

[The resolution, H. Res. 412, follows:]

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H. RES. 412

Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration
on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2003

Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MICA, Mr. OSE, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement
Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was first created by executive order on July 6, 1973, merging the previously separate law enforcement and intelligence agencies responsible for narcotics control;

Whereas the first Administrator of the DEA, John R. Bartels, Jr., was confirmed by the Senate on October 4, 1973;

Whereas since 1973 the men and women of the DEA have served our Nation with courage, vision and determination, protecting all Americans from the scourge of drug trafficking, abuse, and related violence;

Whereas between 1986 and 2002 alone, DEA agents seized over 10,000 kilograms of heroin, 900,000 kilograms of cocaine, 4,600,000 kilograms of marijuana, 113,000,000 dosage units of hallucinogens, and 1,500,000,000 dosage units of methamphetamine, and made over 443,000 arrests of drug traffickers;

Whereas DEA agents continue to lead task forces of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials throughout the Nation, in a cooperative effort to stop drug trafficking and put drug gangs behind bars;

Whereas throughout its history many DEA employees and members of DEA task forces have given their lives in the defense of our Nation, including: Emir Benitez, Gerald Sawyer, Leslie S. Grosso, Nickolas Fragos, Mary M. Keehan, Charles H. Mann, Anna Y. Mounger, Anna J. Pope, Martha D. Skeels, Mary P. Sullivan, Larry D. Wallace, Ralph N. Shaw, James T. Lunn, Octavio Gonzalez, Francis J. Miller, Robert C. Lightfoot, Thomas J. Devine, Larry N. Carwell, Marcellus Ward, Enrique S. Camarena, James A. Avant, Charles M. Bassing, Kevin L. Brosch, Susan M. Hoefler, William Ramos, Raymond J. Stastny, Arthur L. Cash, Terry W. McNett, George M. Montoya, Paul S. Seema, Everett E. Hatcher, Rickie C. Finley, Joseph T. Aversa, Wallie Howard, Jr., Eugene T. McCarthy, Alan H. Winn, George D. Althouse, Becky L. Dwojeski, Stephen J. Strehl, Richard E. Fass, Juan C. Vars, Jay W. Seale, Meredith Thompson, Frank S. Wallace, Jr., Frank Fernandez, Jr., Kenneth G. McCullough, Carrol June Fields, Rona L. Chafey, Shelly D. Bland, Carrie A. Lenz, Shaun E. Curl, Royce D. Tramel, Alice Faye Hall-Walton, and Elton Armstead;

Whereas many other employees and task force officers of the
DEA have been wounded or injured in the line of duty;
and

Whereas in its 173 domestic offices and 78 foreign offices
worldwide the over 8,800 employees of the DEA continue
to hunt down and bring to justice the drug trafficking
cartels that seek to poison our citizens with dangerous
narcotics: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the DEA on the occasion of
3 its 30th Anniversary;

4 (2) honors the heroic sacrifice of those of its
5 employees who have given their lives or been wound-
6 ed or injured in the service of our Nation; and

7 (3) thanks all the men and women of the DEA
8 for their past and continued efforts to defend the
9 American people from the scourge of illegal drugs.

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Chairman SENSENBRENNER. And the Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Coble, to summarize his opening statement.

Mr. COBLE. And I will summarize it, Mr. Chairman.

As you pointed out, this resolution honors the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. My detailed statement praises the members of this administration for its many accomplishments, and I ask unanimous consent that my statement be included in the record and urge my colleagues to vote for passage of this resolution.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Without objection, the gentleman's statement and all Members' opening statements will be included in the record.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Coble follows:]

PREPARED STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE HOWARD COBLE, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was first created by executive order on July 6, 1973. The DEA, as we now know it, was a merger of separate law enforcement and intelligence agencies that shared responsibility for narcotics control. The DEA became the lead agency nationwide working with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies to stop drug trafficking and put drug offenders behind bars.

Since 1973, the men and women of the DEA have served our nation with courage, vision and determination, protecting our nation from drug trafficking. For the past 30 years the DEA has worked tirelessly to enforce the controlled substance laws and regulations of the United States and bring individuals and organizations involved in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances to justice.

Today, the DEA continues to lead task forces of Federal, State and local law enforcement officials throughout the Nation in a cooperative effort to stop drug trafficking. However, these partnerships are not limited to our borders, as evidenced by the more than 70 foreign offices worldwide. This war will continue to be fought at home as well as abroad.

The efforts of the DEA at home and abroad are also vital to our national security. The war on terrorism is being fought on many fronts, including drug trafficking. It is clear that there have been connections between the drug trade and terrorist activities. The efforts of the DEA will help to remove another avenue of financing for terrorism.

I commend the men and women of the DEA for their continuing sacrifice in this fight to stop drug trafficking. This resolution honors the 71 brave men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice in the battle against drugs, as a nation we owe a great debt to these heroes. I recently met with the new Administrator of the DEA, Karen Tandy. I am confident she will continue to uphold the fine tradition of the DEA. I congratulate the Drug Enforcement Administration on its 30 year Anniversary and thank all the men and women past and present for their efforts to defend our Nation from the scourge of illegal drugs.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. The gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Scott.

Mr. SCOTT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I appreciate your bringing this resolution before us, and want to express my support for it. H. Res. 412 commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Drug Enforcement Agency. And I ask unanimous consent to introduce the rest of my statement into the record.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Without objection, so ordered.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Scott follows:]

PREPARED STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. SCOTT, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your bringing this resolution before us and want to express my support for it. H. Res 412 commemorates the 30th anniversary of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and recognizes the contribu-

tions and achievements of its current 8,800 employees working in 173 domestic offices and 78 foreign offices worldwide.

It also recognizes the sacrifices of those employees who have given their lives in the line of duty, and those who have been wounded or injured. I am not always in accord with the policies and priorities our government sets for the DEA. I believe we focus far too much of the agency's resources and priorities on catching and incarcerating low level offenders at the expense of directing these resources toward those who are really profiting from the drug trade. As a result, our prisons are full of low level bit players in the drug trade and this has little impact on reducing the scourge of illegal drugs on our society. Education and treatment have been shown to be far more effective in reducing drug use. Yet, the percentage of our drug fighting resources dedicated to interdiction and law enforcement far exceeds the percent applied to education and treatment.

What's needed is more of a balanced approach to fighting drug abuse. I am not saying put less money into enforcement, but that we should change the priorities from incarcerating on low level users and other offenders to going after the major players, and put a lot more money into education and treatment.

I recognize the dedication, hard work and sacrifice of the men and women of the DEA in carrying out the duties and responsibilities they are assigned.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Are there amendments to the resolution? If there are no amendments, the Chair notes the presence of a reporting quorum.

The question occurs on the motion to report the resolution H. Res. 412 favorably. All in favor will say aye. Opposed no. The ayes appear to have it. The motion to report favorably is adopted. Without objection, the staff is directed to make any technical and conforming changes, and all Members will be given 2 days as provided by House rules and wish to submit additional dissenting, supplemental, or minority views.

