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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, on October 26, 1997, at a public conference held in Baltimore, Maryland, stated that “The Marines are extremists.”;

Whereas such a characterization denigrates 222 years of sacrifice and dedication to the Nation by the Marine Corps

and dishonors the hundreds of thousands of Marines whose blood has been shed in the name of freedom;

Whereas citizens from all walks of life have donned the Marine Corps uniform and gone to war to defend the Nation, many never to return;

Whereas the young people of America join the Marine Corps to be challenged, to be held to high standards, and to be part of something bigger than themselves;

Whereas a characterization of the Marines as “extremists”, especially when made by a senior military department official with responsibility for military personnel policy, has the potential to have an extraordinarily detrimental effect on morale, recruitment, and retention not just for the Marine Corps but for all branches of the Armed Forces;

Whereas Marines and Army soldiers have fought and died side by side time and again in defense of the Nation;

Whereas the values of honor, courage, and commitment embodied by the Marine Corps are not extreme; and

Whereas to describe the Marines as “extremists” violates all rules of propriety and does not reflect the views of the American people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That (1) Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary
 3 of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, should

- 1 immediately resign from office, and (2) if she does not
- 2 so resign, the President should remove her from office.

Passed the House of Representatives November 13,
1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.