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Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the determination of the Department of the Treasury not to allow the importation of certain large capacity military magazine rifles that are functionally identical to banned semiautomatic assault weapons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mrs. MORELLA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, under section 925(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, only firearms that are particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes may be imported into the United States;

Whereas, in 1994, Congress prohibited the transfer and possession of certain semiautomatic assault weapons;

Whereas, since 1994, certain foreign manufacturers of firearms have attempted to circumvent such prohibition by

producing firearms that are functionally indistinguishable from the banned firearms but that have been modified slightly to evade the ban;

Whereas, in April 1998, the Department of the Treasury conducted a review of these slightly modified firearms to determine whether they are particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes; and

Whereas the Department of the Treasury, in the application of its expertise and after a thorough review, determined that certain large capacity military magazine rifles are functionally identical to such banned semiautomatic assault weapons and are not particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes, and are therefore prohibited from importation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the de-
 3 termination by the Department of the Treasury that cer-
 4 tain large capacity military magazine rifles may not be im-
 5 ported into the United States because they are function-
 6 ally identical to banned semiautomatic assault weapons is
 7 consistent with the intent of the Congress in enacting the
 8 ban on semiautomatic assault weapons while honoring the
 9 requirement to allow the importation of firearms that are
 10 particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting
 11 purposes, and will have a significant impact in maintain-
 12 ing the safety of our streets and in protecting our citizens
 13 from harm.

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