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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the threat to the security of American citizens and the United States Government posed by armed militia and other paramilitary groups and organizations.

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. OWENS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the threat to the security of American citizens and the United States Government posed by armed militia and other paramilitary groups and organizations.

Whereas the Government of the United States and its agencies are democratic institutions, created by and for the people of the United States;

Whereas the various agencies of the United States Government derive their purpose and their character from the expressed will of the American people, and may be altered from time to time by peaceful means;

Whereas 168 American men, women and children were killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995;

Whereas Federal law enforcement officials were threatened and held at bay for 81 days in a Montana town by a group of so-called “Freemen” while trying to exercise their duty to uphold the law, at a cost of millions of dollars to American taxpayers;

Whereas various spokespersons for self-described militia and paramilitary organizations and groups have repeatedly denounced the legitimacy of the United States Government;

Whereas several members of an Arizona militia group were recently arrested in possession of heavy armaments, deadly bombs and explosive devices, and charged with conspiring to use explosives to destroy buildings housing Federal agencies;

Whereas experts have estimated that extremist anti-Government militia groups and organizations in the United States may number as many as 800, existing in more than 40 States;

Whereas the democratic institutions of the United States and the American people are protected from both foreign and domestic enemies by a well trained military and multiple layers of legitimate State and local police organizations; and

Whereas the actions of some militia and paramilitary groups and organizations specifically promoting violence constitute a grave danger to American citizens and the institutions of American democracy, and threaten the very

foundation of freedom and democracy in America: 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) armed conspiracies against the Government
 4 of the United States or any of its agencies and per-
 5 sonnel should be aggressively identified, dissolved,
 6 and their perpetrators brought to justice by the fed-
 7 eral authorities of law enforcement with the greatest
 8 dispatch possible;

9 (2) the illegal possession of firearms, explosives,
 10 or any substances or devices of destruction by any
 11 individual or group should be prosecuted to the full
 12 extent of all applicable laws by the Department of
 13 Justice; and

14 (3) those legally possessing firearms, explosives,
 15 or any substance or device of destruction, and in-
 16 volved in any conspiracy to harm or destroy any
 17 agency or property of the United States Govern-
 18 ment, or any official of the United States Govern-
 19 ment, or any person, should be promptly prosecuted
 20 to the full extent of all applicable laws by the De-
 21 partment of Justice, including those designed to pro-
 22 tect the United States Government against treason
 23 and subversion.

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