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H. CON. RES. 38

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the collection of ancestry data as part of the decennial census of population.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. JOHN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBERSTAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the collection of ancestry data as part of the decennial census of population.

Whereas the decennial census of population is the only source of complete and comparable information on the ethnic composition of the United States;

Whereas no other source can provide such accurate and reliable data on the changing ethnic composition of this country's population at the national, State, and local levels;

Whereas ancestry data, along with other demographic and socioeconomic data, collected in the decennial census helps

policymakers assess patterns of assimilation, mobility, and achievement on the part of different population subgroups;

Whereas the United States Commission on Civil Rights uses census ancestry data to monitor unlawful discrimination based on national origin; and

Whereas ancestry data collected in the decennial census is used by many others as well, including Federal, State, and local government agencies, educators, service providers, businesses, and researchers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of
5 Commerce should ensure that the information requested
6 in the 2000 decennial census of population with respect
7 to ancestry shall be at least as comprehensive as was re-
8 quested in the 1990 decennial census (in terms of content
9 as well as the range of respondents from whom such infor-
10 mation is sought).

11 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.**

12 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
13 transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the Sec-
14 retary of Commerce.

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