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Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending American airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude.

Whereas 168 Allied airmen captured by Axis forces during World War II were held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp in Weimar, Germany;

Whereas of these captured airmen, 82 were Americans, 26 were Canadians, 48 were Britons, 9 were Australians, 2 were New Zealanders, and 1 was Jamaican;

Whereas the facts and circumstances of their confinement are
amply documented in the official records maintained by
the National Archives and Records Administration;

Whereas a report from the International Red Cross concern-
ing Stalag Luft III in Sagan, Germany, mentioned six
American airmen held at Buchenwald, including one
whose name does not appear on the lists maintained by
the National Archives;

Whereas since the liberation of Buchenwald in 1945 numer-
ous personal memoirs, scholarly books, and articles have
been published describing the conditions at the concentra-
tion camp;

Whereas this extensive documentation records the extraor-
dinary inhuman treatment, deprivations, and personal
suffering inflicted on these 168 Allied airmen and other
inmates at Buchenwald; and

Whereas Allied Governments and veterans organizations out-
side the United States have granted special recognition to
their citizens and servicemembers who were held as politi-
cal prisoners in World War II concentration camps: Now,
therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes and commends the 82 American
4 airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald
5 concentration camp during World War II for their
6 faithful service, personal bravery, and exceptional
7 fortitude; and

1 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
2 mation recognizing and commending, by name, the
3 service, bravery, and fortitude of those airmen.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 16,
1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.