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H. RES. 220

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the failure of the Executive to take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 1997

Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mrs. CUBIN, and Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the refusal of the Attorney General to seek
4 application for an independent counsel pursuant to
5 a request for the same from the majority of the
6 members of the House Committee on the Judiciary
7 in letters dated March 12, 1997, and September 3,
8 1997, has undermined the confidence of Congress in

1 the effectiveness of Federal law enforcement in those
2 investigations; and

3 (2) the failure to send to the Senate a nomina-
4 tion for the now vacant office of Assistant Attorney
5 General for the Criminal Division of the Department
6 of Justice, while allowing the functions of that As-
7 sistant Attorney General to be carried out by a per-
8 son acting in apparent violation of the Vacancies
9 Act, has resulted in the absence of prosecutors ac-
10 countable to Congress as well as the Executive with
11 respect to criminal-law-related investigations of Ex-
12 ecutive branch officials;

13 (3) this pattern of conduct constitutes a failure
14 to take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

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