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# H. RES. 555

Recognizing the suffering and hardship endured by American civilian prisoners of war during World War II.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. ENGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the suffering and hardship endured by American civilian prisoners of war during World War II.

Whereas 18,745 American civilians were incarcerated by the Axis powers during World War II;

Whereas the incarceration of these American civilians violated international human rights principles;

Whereas these American civilian prisoners of war were subjected to barbaric prison conditions and endured torture, starvation, and disease; and

Whereas the vast majority of these civilian prisoners of war have never received any formal recognition or compensation for their suffering, despite their physical and emotional trauma: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ex-  
2 presses its recognition of the suffering and hardship en-  
3 dured by American civilian prisoners of war during World  
4 War II and extends its sympathies to these brave men and  
5 women and their families.

