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Expressing the sense of Congress that the Bureau of the Census should include in the 2000 decennial census all citizens of the United States residing abroad.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. LAHOOD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE BUREAU OF**
4 **THE CENSUS SHOULD INCLUDE IN THE 2000**
5 **DECENNIAL CENSUS ALL CITIZENS OF THE**
6 **UNITED STATES RESIDING ABROAD.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Bureau of the Census has announced
9 its intention to exclude more than 3,000,000 citizens

1 of the United States living and working overseas
2 from the 2000 decennial census because such citi-
3 zens are not affiliated with the Federal Government.

4 (2) The Bureau of the Census has stated its de-
5 sire to make the 2000 decennial census “the most
6 accurate ever”.

7 (3) Exports by the United States of goods,
8 services, and expertise play a vital role in strength-
9 ening the economy of the United States—

10 (A) by creating jobs based in the United
11 States; and

12 (B) by extending the influence of the
13 United States around the globe.

14 (4) Citizens of the United States living and
15 working overseas strengthen the economy of the
16 United States—

17 (A) by purchasing and selling United
18 States exports; and

19 (B) by creating business opportunities for
20 United States companies and workers.

21 (5) Citizens of the United States living and
22 working overseas play a key role in advancing the in-
23 terests of the United States around the world as
24 highly visible economic, political, and cultural am-
25 bassadors.

1 (6) In 1990, as a result of widespread bipar-
2 tisan support in Congress, the Bureau of the Census
3 enumerated all United States Government officials
4 and other citizens of the United States affiliated
5 with the Federal Government living and working
6 overseas for the apportionment of representatives
7 among the several States and for other purposes.

8 (7) In the 2000 decennial census, the Bureau
9 of the Census again intends to so enumerate all such
10 officials and other citizens of the United States.

11 (8) The Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of
12 1975 gave citizens of the United States residing
13 abroad the right to vote by absentee ballot in any
14 Federal election in the State in which the citizen
15 was last domiciled over 2 decades ago.

16 (9) Citizens of the United States who live and
17 work overseas, but who are not affiliated with the
18 Federal Government, vote in elections and pay taxes.

19 (10) Organizations that represent individuals
20 and companies overseas, including both Republicans
21 Abroad and Democrats Abroad, support the inclu-
22 sion of all citizens of the United States residing
23 abroad in the 2000 decennial census.

1 (11) The Internet facilitates easy maintenance
2 of close contact with all citizens of the United States
3 throughout the world.

4 (12) All citizens of the United States living and
5 working overseas should be included in the 2000 de-
6 cennial census.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that—

9 (1) the Bureau of the Census should enumerate
10 all citizens of the United States residing overseas in
11 the 2000 decennial census; and

12 (2) legislation authorizing and appropriating
13 the funds necessary to carry out such an enumera-
14 tion should be enacted.

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