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Expressing the sense of Congress that money from the drug trade helps finance terror and terrorism and that the link between drugs and terror is one more reason for children not to use drugs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2002

Mr. PHELPS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that money from the drug trade helps finance terror and terrorism and that the link between drugs and terror is one more reason for children not to use drugs.

Whereas roughly half of the 28 international terrorist organizations identified by the State Department in October 2001 have links to illicit drug activities;

Whereas many drug trafficking organizations engage in acts that most people would consider terror, including gruesome public killings of innocents, large-scale bombings intended to intimidate governments, in-flight destruction of passenger airliners, kidnaping, and torture;

Whereas preventing drug use in the United States can limit terrorists' access to funding and limit their ability to operate;

Whereas if a person buys drugs, that person most likely may be supporting terrorists;

Whereas in 1998 alone, Americans spent \$66,000,000,000 on drugs;

Whereas Americans consume a disproportionate share of the world's illegal drug trade;

Whereas the President has said, "If you quit drugs, you join the fight against terrorism in America";

Whereas educating children about the link between drugs and terror makes them less likely to do drugs;

Whereas focus group research conducted by the Media Campaign found that advertisements linking drugs and terrorism had a statistically significant impact on young people's intent to use drugs, in that seeing the advertisements made them less likely to use drugs;

Whereas a child's parents are one of the most important influences in that child's decision not to do drugs;

Whereas 62 percent of parents surveyed by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America said that knowing that the use of illegal drugs supports terrorist activities would be helpful to them in talking to their children about drugs;

Whereas knowing about the link between drugs and terror makes children less likely to use drugs;

Whereas 59 percent of children from ages 12 through 17 surveyed by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America said that knowing that the drug trade helps finance terrorist attacks makes them less likely to use drugs;

Whereas the drug problem in this country is a serious issue, in that Americans spend approximately \$66,000,000,000 per year on illegal drugs, and the overall cost to society of illegal drugs, including health, productivity and law enforcement costs, is \$160,000,000,000;

Whereas efforts to prevent drug use require the attention of parents, educators, and faith and community leaders; and

Whereas America's youth impact the very source of the Nation's military might, who are needed to deal with terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) money from the drug trade helps finance
4 terror and terrorism;

5 (2) educating children about the link between
6 drugs and terror makes them less likely to do drugs;
7 and

8 (3) the link between drugs and terrorism is just
9 one more reason for children not to use drugs.

