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H. CON. RES. 342

Expressing the sense of Congress that the people of the United States should be encouraged to rediscover attractions in the States in which they live.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the people of the United States should be encouraged to rediscover attractions in the States in which they live.

Whereas the travel and tourism industry is traditionally one of the largest industries in the United States;

Whereas before September 11, 2001, the rates of travel and tourism were holding steady;

Whereas after September 11, 2001, tourism declined by 50 percent in some States;

Whereas during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, and ending on September 30, 2001, air traffic declined by 46 percent, rail traffic declined by 20 percent, demand for automobile gasoline declined by 5 percent, and recreational visits to national parks declined by 31 percent;

Whereas during October 2001, employment declined by 4 percent in the air traffic industry, 5.3 percent in the hotel and motel industry, and 2.9 percent in the restaurant industry;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry is working with all levels of government to ensure safe travel for all individuals following the horrible terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas people who are hesitant to travel long distances for financial or other reasons can still enjoy the many attractions, events, and venues located in the State in which they live: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This resolution may be cited as the “Rediscover Your
5 State Resolution of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the people of the United States should be
9 encouraged to rediscover the many attractions,
10 events, and venues located in the State in which they
11 live;

12 (2) increased travel and tourism is needed to
13 help stimulate the economy of the United States;

14 (3) the people of the United States should be
15 encouraged to resume their normal activities and
16 should contribute to their local economies by resum-

1 ing their normal recreational and entertainment ac-
2 tivities; and

3 (4) the establishment of special initiatives to
4 encourage tourism at the local level could help revi-
5 talize the economy of the United States.

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