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H. CON. RES. 402

Commending the establishment of the President's New Freedom Commission
on Mental Health, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the establishment of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, and for other purposes.

Whereas 18 to 20 percent of the population of the United States have a diagnosable mental illness;

Whereas 4 of the 10 leading causes of disability in the United States are mental disorders;

Whereas untreated mental illness too often leads to family breakdown, lost productivity, unemployment, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, or incarceration;

Whereas numerous Federal, State, and local governmental entities oversee mental health services through a diverse

and complex network of public and private providers and delivery systems;

Whereas more efficient organization and coordination could assist these providers in ensuring that effective treatment is received by those individuals most in need;

Whereas improvements in coordination and quality of services are greatly needed by all aspects of the public and private mental health system;

Whereas recommendations are needed for improvements to enable adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities; and

Whereas in the United States, millions of people and their families live every day with mental illness, and untreated mental illness is a great national problem: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) it is the sense of the Congress that improving the
4 Nation's mental health service delivery system for individ-
5 uals with serious mental illness and children with serious
6 emotional disturbance is a national priority; and

7 (2) the Congress commends the establishment of the
8 President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health.

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