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Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should have the power to prohibit desecration of the flag of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas from Valley Forge to Afghanistan, in every battlefield where American values have been attacked and American lives sacrificed, the flag of the United States has been a shining symbol of the Nation and of the indomitable and eternal spirit of American liberty;

Whereas to desecrate such a symbol is to desecrate the memory of the thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their lives to keep that banner flying, intact, and inviolate; and

Whereas, since Americans have fought and died to defend the flag of the United States, any act of desecration of the

flag is profoundly offensive to Americans: 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) as a symbol of the Nation, the flag of the
4 United States deserves to be treated with respect of
5 the highest order; and

6 (2) Congress should have the power to prohibit
7 the desecration of the flag of the United States.

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