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Recognizing the contributions of all United States Attorneys, past and present.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of all United States Attorneys, past and present.

Whereas United States Attorneys around the country are the chief Federal law enforcement officers in their districts;

Whereas there are 93 United States Attorneys stationed throughout the United States and its territories;

Whereas the statutory responsibilities of United States Attorneys include the prosecution of criminal cases brought by the Federal government, and the prosecution and defense of civil cases to which the United States is a party;

Whereas United States Attorneys are the face of Federal law enforcement, and have enormous responsibility for implementing anti-terrorism efforts, bringing important and

often difficult cases, and taking the lead in fighting public corruption;

Whereas United States Attorneys serve as the Nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States;

Whereas the office of the United States Attorney traditionally has operated with a great degree of independence from the Department of Justice in a broad range of daily activities;

Whereas United States Attorneys are appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, and serve at the pleasure of the President;

Whereas United States Attorneys have maintained a strong tradition of ensuring that the laws of the United States are faithfully executed, without favor to anyone and without regard to political considerations;

Whereas United States Attorneys are tasked with maintaining strict nonpartisanship as they perform their vital duties;

Whereas 8 United States Attorneys—David Iglesias, Daniel Bogden, Paul Charlton, Harry E. Cummins, III, Carol Lam, John McKay, Margaret Chiara, Kevin Ryan—were recently dismissed for unclear and suspect reasons;

Whereas many of these United States Attorneys were overseeing significant public corruption investigations at the time they were asked to leave;

Whereas at least 6 of the 8 dismissed United States Attorneys received internal Department of Justice performance reports, known as “Evaluations and Review Staff Re-

ports”, that rated them “well regarded”, “capable”, or “very competent”; and

Whereas it is integral to our legal system that United States Attorneys not be removed from office for political reasons: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
2 the vital work of United States Attorneys, and thanks
3 David Iglesias, Daniel Bogden, Paul Charlton, Harry E.
4 Cummins, III, Carol Lam, John McKay, Margaret Chiara,
5 and Kevin Ryan for their service and contributions to the
6 United States legal system.

