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H. RES. 1666

Expressing support for designation of October 2010 as “Crime Prevention Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mr. TERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of October 2010 as
“Crime Prevention Month”.

Whereas communities across the United States face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement-community partnerships are effective tools for preventing crime and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) are leading national resources providing community safety and crime prevention tools that are tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas in 2008, the NCPC and the NSA joined together in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office

of Justice Programs, Department of Justice to create “Celebrate Safe Communities” (CSC), an exciting initiative which takes place in October, and which is designed to help local law enforcement agencies and their community partners celebrate of “Crime Prevention Month”;

Whereas “Crime Prevention Month” was established over 25 years ago to educate the public on being alert to criminal activity within their communities;

Whereas CSC is designed to spotlight communities’ crime prevention efforts, enhance public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages, recruit year-round support for ongoing prevention activities that help keep neighborhoods safe from crime and prepared for any emergency, and help local communities organize safety-focused events;

Whereas since 2008, CSC has reached over 350 sites in 36 States;

Whereas 2010 also marks the 30th anniversary year of McGruff the Crime Dog, NCPC’s symbol of crime prevention and community involvement;

Whereas NCPC manages the McGruff “Take a Bite Out of Crime” public service advertising campaign to reach children, youth, and the general public with crime prevention information about identity theft, bullying, cyber bullying, gangs, drugs, and other crimes as well as to emphasize the importance of community involvement;

Whereas McGruff’s public service advertising messages have reached tens of millions of adults and children since they first began; and

Whereas the month of October 2010 would be an appropriate month to designate as “Crime Prevention Month”, dur-

ing which law enforcement and communities across the United States will hold “Celebrate Safe Communities” events: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Crime Preven-
3 tion Month”;

4 (2) supports participation in “Celebrate Safe
5 Communities” during “Crime Prevention Month”;

6 (3) commends the efforts of the thousands of
7 local law enforcement agencies and their countless
8 community partners educating and engaging resi-
9 dents of all ages in the fight against crime;

10 (4) congratulates McGruff the Crime Dog dur-
11 ing his 30th anniversary year;

12 (5) asks communities across the United States
13 to consider how “Celebrate Safe Communities” can
14 help them highlight local successes in the fight
15 against crime;

16 (6) encourages the National Crime Prevention
17 Council and the National Sheriffs’ Association to
18 continue to promote “Celebrate Safe Communities”
19 and year-round, individual and collective action, in
20 collaboration with law enforcement and other sup-
21 porting local agencies, to reduce crime and build
22 safer communities throughout the United States;
23 and

1 (7) encourages government agencies, civic
2 groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations
3 to educate the public, showcase their accomplish-
4 ments, and explore new partnerships during “Crime
5 Prevention Month”.

