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H. RES. 712

Recommending that the Speaker of the House of Representatives not move to proceed to the consideration of the House Resolution finding Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in contempt of Congress pursuant to the report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. RANGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Recommending that the Speaker of the House of Representatives not move to proceed to the consideration of the House Resolution finding Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in contempt of Congress pursuant to the report of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Whereas United States Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., joined the Department of Justice right out of law school through the Department's honors program and joined the newly created Public Integrity Section, where he prosecuted corrupt local, State and Federal officials; was appointed by President Reagan to the D.C. Superior Court;

was appointed by President Clinton to serve as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; was appointed by President Clinton to serve as Deputy Attorney General, the first African-American to hold that position; and was appointed by President Obama to serve as Attorney General, the first African-American to hold that position;

Whereas the Department of Justice has been accommodating to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives during its investigation of Operation Fast and Furious by making an extraordinary offer to Chairman Issa, which he rejected, to provide internal deliberative documentation from a time period well after the operation ended to fully satisfy the question of how the Department's knowledge evolved from February 2011 to December 2011;

Whereas the Department of Justice has provided the Committee with 1,300 pages of deliberative documents around the February 4, 2011, letter that clearly showed there was no intention to mislead or deceive Congress, as the assurances in that letter were given by those agencies supervising the Fast and Furious Operation;

Whereas the Department of Justice has provided, from more than 25 Department officials, testimony, participation in interviews, and briefings for Congress, including testimony by the Attorney General nine times during the last 14 months, testimony by the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, and testimony by the Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs;

Whereas the Department of Justice has provided more than 7,600 pages as part of 46 separate productions to the Committee, including more than 3,000 pages of material in response to an 8-item March 2011 subpoena and more

than 4,000 pages of documents in response to a 22-item October 2011 subpoena, and responded to dozens of other letters from Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley, including requests for documents or significant information; and

Whereas the Department of Justice has had many accomplishments under Attorney General Holder, including protecting the American people against terrorism and other threats to national security; successfully executing ground-breaking counterintelligence operations; preventing United States military and strategic technologies from falling into the wrong hands; continuing to identify and disrupt narco-terrorist networks; and protecting the American people from violent and other crimes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
3 tives should not move to proceed to the consideration
4 of the House Resolution finding Eric H. Holder, Jr.,
5 Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in
6 contempt of Congress pursuant to the report of the
7 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of
8 the House of Representatives dated June 22, 2012
9 (H. Rpt. 112–546); and

10 (2) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
11 ment Reform of the House of Representatives should
12 use its investigatory powers to intercede on behalf of
13 the American people and return to addressing issues

- 1 such as those which pertain to job creation, improve-
- 2 ments to education, and both enhancing and pro-
- 3 tecting the health of the American people.

