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H. RES. 1083

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Government immediately restore justice, order, and domestic tranquility to protect Federal property, Federal law enforcement and other personnel, and the constitutional rights of United States citizens in Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, and cities across the country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 14, 2020

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. DUNN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WALKER, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. COOK, Mr. LONG, Mrs. HARTZLER, and Mr. ESTES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Government immediately restore justice, order, and domestic tranquility to protect Federal property, Federal law enforcement and other personnel, and the constitutional rights of United States citizens in Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, and cities across the country.

Whereas the weekend of August 1, 2020, marks two months of increasing acts of violence, unabated criminal activity,

and widespread destruction of both public and private property, some tied to interstate commerce, that is ravaging our communities and being carried out by violent mobs, criminals, and domestic terrorists;

Whereas “domestic terrorism” is defined under section 2331(5) of title 18, United States Code, as violent crimes perpetrated against civilians to intimidate or coerce for the purpose of influencing government policy;

Whereas numerous Federal crimes are continuously being committed, including—

- (1) advocating the violent overthrow of government;
- (2) aggravated assault and battery;
- (3) arson;
- (4) assault with a deadly weapon;
- (5) assaulting or killing Federal law enforcement officer;
- (6) conspiracy to impede or injure a Federal officer;
- (7) damage to Federal property;
- (8) destruction of memorials;
- (9) shoplifting;
- (10) trespassing;
- (11) looting; and
- (12) use of fire or explosives (including fireworks) to destroy property or injure Federal officers.

Whereas some local, State, and Federal elected officials are either incapable of or unwilling to stop it; and

Whereas these actions must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and Federal law enforcement, property, and the constitutional rights of United States citizens must immediately be protected: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes that Federal law enforcement,
2 Federal property, and citizens' rights must be pro-
3 tected;

4 (2) strongly condemns the violence, destruction,
5 crimes, and terrorism that is tearing through our
6 nation;

7 (3) urges justice, order, and domestic tran-
8 quility to be restored immediately;

9 (4) recognizes that it is Congress' constitutional
10 duty to "establish Justice" and "insure domestic
11 Tranquility";

12 (5) recognizes that the actions of these individ-
13 uals amount to domestic terrorism;

14 (6) expresses that those responsible for these
15 violent acts be held criminally responsible for their
16 actions;

17 (7) urges Attorney General Barr to prosecute
18 all individuals engaged in these activities to the full-
19 est extent of the law; and

20 (8) recognizes that the President of the United
21 States has the constitutional duty to enforce Federal
22 laws, protect Federal property, and prosecute Fed-
23 eral crimes.

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