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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the fire
at the ABC Daycare Center in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding
the fire at the ABC Daycare Center in Hermosillo,
Sonora, Mexico.

Whereas 47 children were killed, and the many injured, during
a fire at the ABC Daycare Center in Hermosillo, Sonora,
Mexico, on June 5, 2009;

Whereas many children are still hospitalized and some are in
critical condition;

Whereas numerous firefighters and civilians bravely risked
their lives to save many of the children, some even breaking
down walls to reach those trapped inside the burning
building;

Whereas Congress and the citizens of the United States were greatly saddened by the tremendous loss and pain of the families of the victims of the fire;

Whereas the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Sacramento, California, assisted in the treatment of several severely burned children;

Whereas Congress recognizes the need for proper building fire codes as a necessity to avoid tragedies such as this, a lesson learned during the Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island, in 2003, and in many other tragic fires; and

Whereas the publication of the original study and comprehensive list of recommendations in “America Burning”, written in 1974, requested advances in fire prevention through the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in existing buildings: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the vic-
3 tims and their families of the fire at the ABC
4 Daycare Center in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico;

5 (2) expresses solidarity with the people of Mex-
6 ico during this tragic time;

7 (3) commends the brave firefighters and civil-
8 ians who risked their lives to rescue children from
9 the fire and the Shriner’s Hospital for Children in
10 Sacramento, California, for providing assistance; and

1 (4) acknowledges the importance of fire codes
2 and fire sprinkler systems in avoiding tragedies such
3 as this.

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