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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. _____ submitted the following resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of Negro Americans are dedicated citizens, strongly opposed to disorder and violence; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of these, our fellow citizens, in keeping the peace within their own neighborhoods is essential to the realization of the current crises in our cities; and

WHEREAS, such involvement must be through voluntary citizen participation, organized and directed by local citizens at the community level; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Congress of the United States possess the power of leadership necessary to inspire such locally controlled and directed citizen-involvement: Therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,

1. THAT the Congress urges the President to use the persuasive powers of his office to call upon the communities to initiate a Neighborhood Action Crusade to provide continuing communication and positive direction to defuse the tensions now threatening the lives and property of urban America; and

2. THAT the Neighborhood Action Crusade be composed of local neighborhood leaders, working within their own areas, on a largely voluntary basis in order to rally those stabilizing influences within each local community necessary to assure peace in America's cities; and

3. THAT the Congress urges the President to place at the disposal of such local governments as may request assistance, such funds and equipment permitted by existing statutes and as may be necessary to support this Neighborhood Action Crusade; and

4. THAT it is the sense of the Congress ~~that~~ the Neighborhood Action Crusade shall be composed of local programs, developed, organized and directed by local citizens for such periods of time as may be deemed advisable.