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H. RES. 56

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the amount of the Members' Representational Allowance should be increased in response to increasing threats against Members of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. SCHWEIKERT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the amount of the Members' Representational Allowance should be increased in response to increasing threats against Members of the House.

Whereas, on January 8, 2011, a gunman opened fire at a congressional event in Tucson, Arizona, critically wounding Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and killing a congressional staff member and five members of the public;

Whereas, on June 14, 2017, a gunman with a rifle and side-arm opened fire on at least seventeen Members of Congress, several staff, United States Capitol Police officers, and members of the public in Alexandria, Virginia;

Whereas, in a hearing on July 16, 2019, Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund stated that threats against Members of Congress are increasing at a record pace;

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, a violent assault took place at the United States Capitol;

Whereas the Capitol was on lockdown while Members of Congress were forced to barricade doors and hide under desks in credible fear for their lives;

Whereas law enforcement agents later discovered weapons and explosive devices on the Capitol Grounds;

Whereas four civilians and Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick died from injuries sustained during the Capitol assault, and Officer Howard Liebengood died off-duty shortly after responding to the Capitol assault;

Whereas, since the events of January 6, 2021, several Members of Congress have faced heightened threats and harassment while traveling through airports; and

Whereas every Member of the House of Representatives is in dire need of additional security in response to these increased threats to the public, themselves, their families, and their staff: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that the amount of the Members' Representa-
 3 tional Allowance should be increased by such amount as
 4 is necessary to protect Members of the House (including
 5 the Delegates and Resident Commissioner to the Con-
 6 gress), as well as members of the public who are present

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1 when Members are in public venues, from increasing
2 threats.

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