

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 28 AS “HONORING THE NATION’S FIRST RESPONDER DAY”

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Mr. DEFazio, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 37]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 37) expressing support for designation of October 28 as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responder Day”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H. Con. Res. 37 is to express support to designate October 28th as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Dedicated first responders across our Nation put the safety and well-being of their communities above their own. First responders have a life expectancy 20 years less than the average American, between 20 and 25 percent of first responders experience post-traumatic stress, and first responders suffer death by suicide at a higher rate than death in the line of duty.¹ According to the Department of Homeland Security, there are an estimated 4.6 million career and volunteer professionals composing the first responder community.² These professionals fall within five primary disciplines, including Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and Public Works.³

These men and women train, plan, and respond each day, often risking their lives, to save others. When major disaster strikes, such as the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, they rush into danger to respond. Recognizing the sacrifice these professionals make is important to the Nation.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H. Con. Res. 37 in the 116th Congress.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

H. Con. Res. 37 was introduced in the House on May 1, 2019, by Mr. Meadows and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee, H. Con. Res. 37 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

The Chair discharged the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 37 on October 29, 2019.

The Committee met in open session to consider H. Con. Res. 37 on October 29, 2019, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against.

There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H. Con. Res. 37.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

¹ IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police). 2014. IACP National Symposium on Law Enforcement Officer Suicide and Mental Health: Breaking the Silence on Law Enforcement Suicides. Washington, DC: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Accessible at https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/Officer_Suicide_Report.pdf.

² Emergency Services Sector Profile, Department of Homeland Security, November 2017.

³ Id.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and with respect to requirements of clause (3)(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of Congressional Budget Office. The Committee has requested but not received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office a statement as to whether this bill contains any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. The Chairman of the Committee shall cause such estimate and statement to be printed in the *Congressional Record* upon its receipt by the Committee.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, a cost estimate provided by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chairman of the Committee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the *Congressional Record* upon its receipt by the Committee.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to express support to designate October 28th as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day.”

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H. Con. Res. 37 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED
TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

An estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chairman of the

Committee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the *Congressional Record* upon its receipt by the Committee.

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H. Con. Res. 37 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

The resolution expresses support for designation of October 28th as “Honoring the Nation’s First Responders Day” and lists several facts about the first responder community.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

