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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the recent sniper attacks
in the Washington, DC, area.

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CANTOR, and Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the recent
sniper attacks in the Washington, DC, area.

Whereas from October 2, 2002, to October 24, 2002, the
Greater Washington Metropolitan area was terrorized by
unprecedented sniper attacks;

Whereas 13 innocent individuals were shot and the following
10 tragically died: James Martin, James L. "Sonny" Bu-
chanan, Premkumar Walekar, Sarah Ramos, Laurie Ann
Lewis-Rivera, Pascal Charlot, Dean Meyers, Kenneth
Bridges, Linda Franklin, and Conrad Johnson;

Whereas extraordinary cooperation and remarkable teamwork
among the 13 local, State, and Federal law enforcement

agencies investigating the shootings lead to placing 2 suspects in custody;

Whereas more than 1,500 people were involved from such Federal agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Secret Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the United States Park Police, the United States Capitol Police, the United States Marshal Service, the Department of Defense, and others were involved in analyzing evidence, pursuing leads, and developing psychological profiles, among other investigative techniques;

Whereas Montgomery County, Maryland, the site of the first fatal shootings, and Montgomery County Police Chief Charles A. Moose coordinated and assisted several thousand local and State police officers in a case that spread across 7 counties, 2 States, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas sniper task force members Charles Moose, Gary Bald of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Michael Bouchard of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms were the individuals responsible for leading the investigation;

Whereas Spotsylvania County Sheriff Ronald T. Knight, Prince George's County Chief of Police Col. Gerald Wilson, Prince William County Chief of Police Col. Charlie T. Deane, Fairfax County Chief of Police Col. J. Thomas Manger, Hanover County Sheriff Col. V. Stuart Cook, and Washington, DC, Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey all played instrumental roles in the investigation;

Whereas the Bush Administration committed \$600,000 to schools in the Washington area to strengthen security,

provide counseling, and begin other programs in response to the shootings;

Whereas local officials addressed security concerns and provided counseling; and

Whereas the public and the media played an essential role in conveying information, reporting valuable information to tip lines, and ultimately alerting law enforcement to the suspected snipers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) commends the role of Montgomery County,
4 Maryland, officials, Police Chief Charles Moose, the
5 sniper task force members Gary Bald of the Federal
6 Bureau of Investigation, and Michael Bouchard of
7 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms for
8 leading the investigation and Sheriff Ronald T.
9 Knight, Chief of Police Col. Gerald Wilson, Chief of
10 Police Col. Charlie T. Deane, Col. J. Thomas Man-
11 ger, Col. V. Stuart Cook, Chief of Police Charles H.
12 Ramsey, Chief of Police Frederic Pleasants, Jr.,
13 Mike Earp, United States Marshal Service, and Joe
14 Funk, United States Secret Service, for their essen-
15 tial roles in assisting the investigation;

16 (2) recognizes the unprecedented coordination
17 among local, State, and Federal government in
18 working collectively to capture 2 alleged snipers;

1 (3) lauds local officials, especially school prin-
2 cipals and teachers for their role in providing coun-
3 seling and remaining calm in the face of enormous
4 uncertainty and fear; and

5 (4) expresses its condolences to the families and
6 friends of the 10 victims who died in these shootings
7 and its prayers for the full recovery of the 3 victims
8 wounded in the attacks.