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H. R. 680

To provide funds for the planning of a special census of Americans residing abroad.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FILNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WYNN, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

To provide funds for the planning of a special census of Americans residing abroad.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) an estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 Amer-
6 icans live and work overseas while continuing to vote
7 and pay taxes in the United States;

1 (2) Americans residing abroad help increase ex-
2 ports of American goods because they traditionally
3 buy American, sell American, and create business
4 opportunities for American companies and workers,
5 thereby strengthening the United States economy,
6 creating jobs in the United States, and extending
7 United States influence around the globe;

8 (3) Americans residing abroad play a key role
9 in advancing this Nation’s interests by serving as
10 economic, political, and cultural “ambassadors” of
11 the United States; and

12 (4) the major business, civic, and community
13 organizations representing Americans and companies
14 of the United States abroad support the counting of
15 all Americans residing abroad by the Bureau of the
16 Census, and are prepared to assist the Bureau of
17 the Census in this task.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
19 gress that—

20 (1) the Bureau of the Census should carry out
21 a special census of all Americans residing abroad in
22 2004;

23 (2) the Bureau should, after completing that
24 special census, review the means by which Ameri-

1 cans residing abroad may be included in the 2010
2 decennial census;

3 (3) the Bureau should take appropriate meas-
4 ures to provide for the inclusion of Americans resid-
5 ing abroad in the 2010 decennial census and decen-
6 nial censuses thereafter; and

7 (4) in order to ensure that the measures speci-
8 fied in the preceding provisions of this subsection
9 can be completed in timely fashion, the Bureau
10 should begin planning as soon as possible for the
11 special census described in paragraph (1).

12 **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR A SPECIAL CEN-**
13 **SUS OF AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD.**

14 For necessary expenses in connection with the plan-
15 ning of a special census of Americans residing abroad (as
16 described in section 1(b)(1)), there is appropriated, out
17 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
18 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, to remain available until
19 expended.

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