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# H. RES. 102

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the maltreatment of United States civilian prisoners captured by the Axis Powers during World War II.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2001

Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. GILMAN, and Mrs. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the maltreatment of United States civilian prisoners captured by the Axis Powers during World War II.

Whereas the Axis Powers captured and incarcerated 18,745 United States civilians who were living or traveling abroad during World War II, of which 1,704 died or were executed in captivity;

Whereas these civilian prisoners of war were subjected to barbaric prison conditions and endured torture, starvation, and disease;

Whereas the incarceration of these United States civilians and the conditions of such incarceration violated international human rights principles; and

Whereas the vast majority of these civilian prisoners of war have never received any formal recognition or compensation for their suffering, despite the physical and emotional trauma they endured: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2               (1) it is the sense of the House of Representa-  
3       tives that the incarceration of United States civilians  
4       by the Axis Powers during World War II and the  
5       conditions of such incarceration violated inter-  
6       national human rights principles; and

7               (2) the House of Representatives—

8                       (A) extends its sympathies to the brave  
9       men and women who endured the terrible hard-  
10      ships of such incarceration and to their fami-  
11      lies; and

12                    (B) encourages foreign nations that con-  
13      tributed to the incarceration of United States  
14      civilians during World War II to formally apolo-  
15      gize to these individuals and their families.

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