

118TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1213

A resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

A resolution regarding violence against law enforcement
officers.

Whereas, beginning in 2020, and in conjunction with the
“defund the police” movement, respect for the rule of law
and law enforcement officials diminished;

Whereas this change in attitude has resulted in record death
and injury to America’s law enforcement officers at the
Federal, State, local, and Tribal level;

Whereas policies implemented at several State and local juris-
dictions have increased the difficulty and added signifi-
cant risks for law enforcement to do their jobs effectively
and safely;

Whereas law enforcement is demanded to handle societal
problems, including a nationwide mental health crisis,

record-setting overdose poisonings due to fentanyl, and an increase in the homeless population;

Whereas the lack of accountability for violent criminals with decreased penalties and no-bail policies has opened the door for record criminal activity in cities across the country;

Whereas these policies have encouraged the public to aggressively and violently engage with law enforcement;

Whereas law enforcement officers answer every service call, regardless of community support or ridicule;

Whereas law enforcement officers answer every service call, regardless of the threat to their lives;

Whereas there are currently 23,785 names of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

Whereas the deadliest year on record for law enforcement was 2021, when 586 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty;

Whereas, in 2022, 224 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty;

Whereas, in 2023, 137 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty;

Whereas 378 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty in 2023, the highest year on record, of which 115 were violent ambush attacks;

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund anticipates adding at least 151 names to the sacred walls in the spring of 2024, representing the current and

historical deaths which, to date, have been approved as line-of-duty deaths;

Whereas the average fallen law enforcement officer is 45 years old;

Whereas the average fallen law enforcement officer has 15 years of service;

Whereas the average fallen law enforcement officer leaves behind 2 children; and

Whereas current data does not show how many law enforcement officers are assaulted, injured, or disabled in the line of duty each year: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns calls to defund the police, which
3 has increased violence towards law enforcement offi-
4 cers;

5 (2) recognizes that law enforcement officers
6 must have the equipment, training, and resources
7 necessary to protect the health and safety of the
8 public as well as their fellow law enforcement offi-
9 cers on the job;

10 (3) recognizes the need for better data collec-
11 tion on law enforcement officers who are assaulted,
12 injured, or disabled in the line of duty;

13 (4) acknowledges its responsibility for exem-
14 plifying a respect for the rule of law and for the law
15 enforcement officers who protect communities across
16 the Nation;

1 (5) acknowledges the mental stress and strain
2 law enforcement officers suffer not only due to the
3 pressures and realities of the job, but also the nega-
4 tive environment in which they often must work;

5 (6) acknowledges the need to strengthen its re-
6 lationship with law enforcement to ensure policy de-
7 cisions are aligned with the realities law enforcement
8 officers face daily; and

9 (7) expresses condolences and solemn apprecia-
10 tion to the loved ones of each law enforcement offi-
11 cer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line
12 of duty.

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