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H. RES. 252

Commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the fall of Kronstadt, which took place on March 18, 1921.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAWTHORN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the fall of Kronstadt, which took place on March 18, 1921.

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution began in Soviet Russia on March 1, 1918, and ended on March 18, 1921;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution began as a workers' and veterans' revolt against the bureaucratic and authoritarian excess of Lenin and Trotsky, and ended as a testament to the totalitarian impulse of Marxism;

Whereas after their brave stand, members of the Kronstadt resistance were eventually slaughtered, and many fled to exile, seeking elsewhere the freedom and prosperity that the Soviets had promised them;

Whereas the Kronstadt rebels took every step within their power to avoid violent rebellion, and their remonstrations

with Soviet authorities to abide by the principles of the 1917 revolution were ultimately unsuccessful;

Whereas the Kronstadt exposed the authoritarian tendencies of Soviet Russia, and after the Kronstadt revolution, it was obvious that Soviet Russia had no interest in any value beyond power;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution further presaged the totalitarian excesses of communism globally, and every communist revolution eventually has a Kronstadt;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution exposed the fact that communism is ultimately antihuman and that the things that make communism possible are repression, fear, and theft;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution exposed the hypocrisy of communist pretensions to caring about the working class and that when given a choice between workers and power, communists chose power every time;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution gave us all reasons to oppose Marxism and communism in all forms;

Whereas the failed dream that the Kronstadt revolution represents should be a wakeup call for all of us;

Whereas Marxism is toxic and dangerous because it provides an incentive to commit violence and murder;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution gave us reasons to be grateful for our system of government and our history, complete with its scars;

Whereas the United States Government has been nowhere close to perfect for its history, but the story of our country shows gradual, frustrating but inexorable progress;

Whereas the Kronstadt revolution showed us the differences between revolutions in the United States verses revolu-

tions in the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.); and

Whereas one revolution can lead to global prosperity and human flourishing, and another can lead to terror and murder: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
2 memorates—

3 (1) the ending of a 16-day stand against the
4 misery, poverty, and despair that the 1917 Russian
5 revolution and tyranny inspired;

6 (2) the complete facade of communism exposing
7 itself as inhuman and barbaric; and

8 (3) the 100-year anniversary of the fall of
9 Kronstadt, which took place on March 18, 1921.

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