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H. RES. 885

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding our national debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

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Whereas our national debt exceeds \$20 trillion;

Whereas each citizen of the United States would owe over \$63,000 to pay off the national debt if they were forced to pay out-of-pocket;

Whereas the national debt is expected to exceed \$30 trillion within the next decade;

Whereas when the national debt continues to grow at an alarming rate, the probability of a fiscal crisis increases;

Whereas financial waste and inefficiencies are prevalent in the Federal Government, illustrated by more than 250 areas identified in past Government Accountability Office

reports where reforms are needed to reduce duplication and overlap;

Whereas agencies have Office of Inspector Generals and the Government Accountability Office exists in order to monitor Federal spending and identify areas of waste and inefficiency;

Whereas each Member of Congress is elected by, and works for, their constituents who pay taxes;

Whereas each Member is elected to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are used responsibly;

Whereas Congress has the fundamental responsibility to efficiently utilize the power of the purse; and

Whereas the House should find budgetary savings of at least \$40 billion each fiscal year: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) believes the national debt is rising
3 unsustainably and needs to urgently be addressed;

4 and

5 (2) encourages each Member of the House of
6 Representatives to introduce and advocate for legis-
7 lation to find at least \$100 million of Federal pro-
8 grams to cut spending from each fiscal year, aside
9 from annual Appropriations bills.

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