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S. RES. 147

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 4, 2017

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest.

Whereas Saturday, April 29, 2017, marks the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest;

Whereas the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest is also referred to as the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the South Central riots, the Rodney King riots, the Los Angeles uprising, the 1992 Los Angeles civil disturbance, and “Sa-I-Gu”, which means April 29 in Korean;

Whereas the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest began in South Central Los Angeles, California, following the acquittal of 4 Los Angeles Police Department officers who were

charged with using excessive force against an African-American taxi driver named Rodney King;

Whereas the acquittal immediately resulted in the formation of large crowds and a public outcry over concerns of racial injustice and police brutality, which soon led to civil unrest at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Normandie Avenue in Los Angeles and continued throughout Los Angeles;

Whereas, during the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest, more than 60 individuals lost their lives amid the looting and fires, more than 2,000 individuals suffered injuries, and more than 11,000 individuals were arrested;

Whereas more than \$1,000,000,000 of property damage was incurred during the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest, with approximately 3,600 fires set and destruction to over 1,100 buildings throughout Los Angeles;

Whereas the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest continued for a total of 6 days, during which the unrest spread through multiple neighborhoods, including Koreatown, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lynwood, Compton, and Long Beach;

Whereas the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest ended following the deployment of thousands of United States Armed Forces personnel;

Whereas, on May 2, 1992, an estimated 30,000 individuals gathered in a peace march in Koreatown during the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest, calling for healing and supporting merchants in Koreatown whose businesses were decimated; and

Whereas, on April 29, 2017, local leaders, business owners, and individuals in the African-American, Latino, and Korean-American communities will join together to remem-

ber the lives lost during the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest and to discuss continued work to promote unity in Los Angeles: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and offers condolences to all who
3 lost their lives, suffered injuries, and suffered losses
4 to their businesses and property during the 1992
5 Los Angeles civil unrest;

6 (2) recognizes and commends the communities
7 throughout Los Angeles for the work done to bring
8 different constituencies together to recover and re-
9 build Los Angeles, improve police oversight, and
10 continue the momentum for change gained in the en-
11 suing months and years following the 1992 Los An-
12 geles civil unrest; and

13 (3) expresses hope that the memory of the 1992
14 Los Angeles civil unrest will promote greater dia-
15 logue, civility, and unity among all of the commu-
16 nities throughout Los Angeles.

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