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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 19, 1995

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the Selective Service
2 System and observing the week of September 16 through 23,
3 1995, as "Selective Service Recognition Week."

4 WHEREAS, The Selective Service System is celebrating its 55th
5 Anniversary. This small Federal agency, best known for drafting
6 men into the Armed Services during times of war, has been in
7 existence 55 years on September 16, 1995; and

8 WHEREAS, Registration serves as a time-proven, cost-effective
9 insurance policy in a still dangerous and uncertain world and a
10 hedge against underestimating the number of soldiers needed in a
11 future crisis. Contact with the Selective Service System has
12 become a rite of passage for young men and their families
13 because the registration program has been continually in effect
14 for most of the past 55 years; and

15 WHEREAS, The Selective Service System provided manpower to

1 the military during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam
2 Conflicts. Since the agency's inception in 1940, more than 15
3 million young men were inducted into military service, and well
4 over 100 million men have registered. The last induction was in
5 1973, and today men are only required to register with the
6 agency. The Selective Service System is prepared to reactivate
7 the draft in a crisis if so directed by the Congress of the
8 United States and the President; and

9 WHEREAS, Young men must register within 30 days of their 18th
10 birthday at any local post office, or they may complete and
11 return a registration card they receive in the mail. Failure to
12 register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000
13 and/or up to five years in prison. Men who fail to register as
14 required are ineligible for many Federal jobs, job training
15 benefits and Federal student loans and grants; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
17 55th Anniversary of the Selective Service System and observe the
18 week of September 16 through 23, 1995, as "Selective Service
19 Recognition Week."