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# H. CON. RES. 40

Expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK (for himself and Mr. BIGGS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.

Whereas our brave men and women in local law enforcement work tirelessly to protect the communities they serve;

Whereas local law enforcement officers are tasked with upholding the rule of law and ensuring public safety;

Whereas local law enforcement officers selflessly put themselves in harm's way to fight crime, get drugs off our streets, and protect the innocent;

Whereas, in the summer of 2020, looting, rioting, and violence in major cities caused the destruction of many shops, restaurants, and businesses;

Whereas, in 2020, the United States tallied more than 21,000 murders—the highest total since 1995 and 4,900 more than in 2019;

Whereas leftist activists and progressive politicians called for the defunding and dismantling of local police departments across the country and actively encouraged resentment toward local law enforcement;

Whereas the defund the police movement vilifies and demonizes local law enforcement officers and puts them at greater risk of danger;

Whereas many local jurisdictions defunded their police departments and saw a subsequent increase in violent crime;

Whereas violent leftist extremists have repeatedly attacked and assaulted local law enforcement officers; and

Whereas local law enforcement officers deserve our respect and profound gratitude: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3            (1) recognizes and appreciates the dedication  
4            and devotion demonstrated by the men and women  
5            of local law enforcement who keep our communities  
6            safe; and

7            (2) condemns calls to defund, disband, dis-  
8            mantle, or abolish the police.

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