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H. RES. 1327

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fentanyl-related substances are a weapon of mass destruction and should be classified as such.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fentanyl-related substances are a weapon of mass destruction and should be classified as such.

Whereas China remains the primary source of fentanyl precursors and fentanyl-related substances trafficked through international mail and into the United States;

Whereas transnational criminal organizations in Mexico are rapidly increasing the flow of fentanyl-related substances into the United States over the porous Southern United States border;

Whereas India has emerged as a growing supplier of precursor chemicals and fentanyl-related substances;

Whereas, in July 2018, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate assessed that

“fentanyl is very likely a viable option for a chemical weapons attack by extremists or criminals”;

Whereas fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances trafficking operations are growing in sophistication according to the Drug Enforcement Administration;

Whereas a single kilogram of fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance can kill 500,000 individuals;

Whereas an estimated 71,238 citizens of the United States have lost their lives from a synthetic opioid overdose in 2021 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Whereas fentanyl is the leading driver of the United States ongoing opioid crisis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has sent a letter to President Biden urging him to classify illicit fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that the President should classify synthetic
 3 fentanyl-related substances as a weapon of mass destruc-
 4 tion.

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