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2D SESSION

H. RES. 1115

Requiring each Member of the House of Representatives to serve one shift in a passenger seat of a law enforcement vehicle observing the work day of a local law enforcement officer once each session of the Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. NEWHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Requiring each Member of the House of Representatives to serve one shift in a passenger seat of a law enforcement vehicle observing the work day of a local law enforcement officer once each session of the Congress, and for other purposes.

Whereas the House of Representatives stands in solidarity with law enforcement officers at the Federal, State, and local levels;

Whereas in 2021, 346 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty and of such officers 63 died;

Whereas in 2021, there were 103 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers, which was a 115 percent increase from 2020;

Whereas in 2021—

(1) 12 major cities of the United States had the highest number of annual homicides in the history of each such city;

(2) Chicago had the highest number of homicides in the city in the past 25 years;

(3) Los Angeles had the highest number of homicides in the city in the past 15 years; and

(4) New York City had the highest number of homicides in the city in the past 10 years;

Whereas from 2020 to 2021, there was a—

(1) 14 percent increase in the number of homicides committed in the District of Columbia; and

(2) 13 percent increase in the number of homicides committed in Philadelphia;

Whereas Members of Congress called for defunding law enforcement departments;

Whereas, District Attorneys in a number of the largest cities in the United States refuse to prosecute violent crimes; and

Whereas law enforcement departments across the United States are struggling to hire and retain law enforcement officers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congress Ob-
4 serving Police Service Resolution” or the “COPS Resolu-
5 tion”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF**
2 **REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE**
3 **RIDE-ALONG EACH SESSION OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each sitting Member of the
5 House of Representatives shall participate in one ride-
6 along each session of the Congress.

7 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-
8 ministration shall promulgate regulations to carry out this
9 Resolution, including regulations—

10 (1) waiving the application of subsection (a) for
11 any Member who is physically incapable of partici-
12 pating in a ride-along; and

13 (2) requiring such Committee to maintain a
14 readily available, public list that identifies whether a
15 Member completed such ride-along for each session
16 of the Congress.

17 (c) VIOLATION.—If the Committee on Ethics deter-
18 mines that a Member has not satisfied the requirement
19 under subsection (a) for the previous session of the Con-
20 gress and such requirement has not been waived pursuant
21 to paragraph (1) of subsection (b), the Committee shall
22 fine such Member \$200.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) RIDE-ALONG.—The term “ride-along”
25 means an arrangement for a Member of the House
26 of Representatives to serve one shift in a passenger

1 seat of a law enforcement vehicle observing the work
2 day of a local law enforcement officer in the respec-
3 tive congressional district of such Member.

4 (2) MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
5 TIVES.—The term “Member of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Com-
7 missioner to the Congress.

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