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Expressing continued support for all U.S. Border Patrol agents who carry out the important mission of securing our borders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MELJER, Mrs. FLORES, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. PALAZZO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

RESOLUTION

Expressing continued support for all U.S. Border Patrol agents who carry out the important mission of securing our borders.

Whereas, on September 19, 2021, tens of thousands of migrants amassed under the Del Rio International Bridge at the Texas-Mexico border, creating an exceptionally difficult and dangerous situation for U.S. Border Patrol agents;

Whereas U.S. Border Patrol's Horse Patrol Unit in Del Rio, Texas, was protecting the southwest border and attempting to interdict thousands of unlawful border crossings

into the United States when certain agents were accused of whipping migrants;

Whereas President Joe Biden rushed to judgement and publicly declared, “It’s outrageous. I promise you, those people will pay.”, referring to Horse Patrol agents before an internal investigation ever took place;

Whereas Vice President Kamala Harris said, “What I saw depicted about those individuals on horseback treating human beings the way they were, was horrible.”;

Whereas former Press Secretary Jen Psaki said, “I don’t think anyone seeing the footage would think it was acceptable or appropriate.”;

Whereas the journalist who released the photos from Del Rio claimed, “I’ve never seen them whip anyone.”, and that the images “can be misconstrued”;

Whereas the U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Office of Professional Responsibility report stated, “There is no evidence that Border Patrol agents involved in this incident struck, intentionally or otherwise, any migrant with their reins.”;

Whereas Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas accused Horse Patrol agents of weaponizing a horse to aggressively attack a child, but the investigation found that no children or adults were attacked;

Whereas Secretary Mayorkas rushed to judge U.S. Border Patrol agents and guaranteed the review would be completed “in days – not weeks”;

Whereas the report, promised days after the event, was not released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection until almost a year after the initial event;

Whereas the report claims that “No evidence was found during this investigation to suggest any migrant was ultimately forced to return to Mexico or was denied entry into the United States.”;

Whereas the Biden Administration would rather create reasons to criticize U.S. Border Patrol agents than support their mission and address the self-inflicted crisis at the border;

Whereas the Biden Administration cares more about scoring political points than supporting and protecting front line agents;

Whereas the national security interests of the United States are dependent on the brave men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol;

Whereas the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol continue to face an impossible task of securing the border during the Biden border crisis;

Whereas President Biden still has yet to visit the southwest border where U.S. Border Patrol agents have lost operational control due to his Administration’s policies;

Whereas the Biden Administration continues to falsely claim that the border is “closed” and that the border is “secure”;

Whereas U.S. Border Patrol agents are put in significant danger each day as they encounter human smugglers, are exposed to deadly drugs and communicable diseases, and operate in extreme weather conditions;

Whereas U.S. Border Patrol agents have encountered over 3,000,000 migrants unlawfully crossing the southwest border during the Biden Administration;

Whereas, as of June 30, 2022, 56 people whose names appear on the terror watch list were stopped trying to unlawfully cross the southwest border;

Whereas U.S. Customs and Border Protection, during the Biden Administration, has seized over 1,124,652 pounds of drugs, including—

- (1) 307,300 pounds of marijuana;
- (2) 261,300 pounds of methamphetamine;
- (3) 111,700 pounds of cocaine;
- (4) 15,400 pounds of fentanyl; and
- (5) 4,800 pounds of heroin; and

Whereas the U.S. Border Patrol partners with State, local, and Tribal law enforcement to protect communities and keep the American people safe: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its continued support for all U.S.
3 Border Patrol agents who carry out the important
4 mission of securing our borders;

5 (2) condemns the Biden Administration for po-
6 liticizing the events of September 19, 2021, in Del
7 Rio, Texas;

8 (3) denounces false claims and allegations
9 against agents of the U.S. Border Patrol’s House
10 Patrol Unit in Del Rio, Texas; and

11 (4) calls on the Biden Administration to sup-
12 port front line U.S. Border Patrol agents and end
13 the crisis at the southwest border.

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