

A Resolution to Ban the Use of “No Knock” Warrants

1 Whereas, there have been numerous recent events involving “no knock” warrants;
2 and
3 Whereas, many of these events have ended poorly for all involved; and
4 Whereas, “no knock” warrants lead to confusion and panic typically causing
5 shooting by police and civilians resulting in police and civilian deaths; and
6 Whereas, examples such as the deaths of Breona Taylor and Bounkham
7 Phonesavanh were directly related to “no knock” warrants; and
8 Whereas, individuals responsible for these deaths were not held accountable because
9 of working under “no knock” warrants; now, therefore, be it
10 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that “no knock” warrants should be
11 banned in the United States.

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A Resolution to Normalize Relations with North Korea

- 1 Whereas, Decades of heavy-handed diplomacy towards the Democratic People's
2 Republic of Korea (hereinafter North Korea) have failed to result in
3 regime change, and have disproportionately affect civilians in the country;
4 and
- 5 Whereas, The United States' demand of up-front denuclearization from North Korea
6 before relations can be normalized is a failed approached; and
- 7 Whereas, Diplomatic isolation forces North Korea to maintain strong ties with
8 China, bolstering China's influence in the region; and
- 9 Whereas, Improved relations with North Korea would limit China's growing
10 influence, and would result in increased economic opportunities for North
11 Korea and for the United States; and
- 12 Whereas, Normalizing relations reduces the risk of war; and
- 13 Whereas, Twenty-five nations, including some of our European allies maintain
14 embassies in Pyongyang; now, therefore, be it
- 15 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally
16 petition the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic
17 Republic of Korea for permission to open an embassy of the United
18 States in Pyongyang

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A Resolution to Grant Statehood to Puerto Rico

- 1 Whereas, The United States currently holds federal power over the island
2 territory of Puerto Rico; and
- 3 Whereas, The United States currently has the ability to significantly improve the
4 quality-of-life and economic status of Puerto Rico by providing the
5 same benefits that current states hold; and
- 6 Whereas, Both the US and Puerto Rico will benefit economically through
7 statehood. Puerto Rico can contribute nearly \$2 billion to the US
8 Treasury every year and bring in a large amount of extra revenue
9 through taxes; and
- 10 Whereas, Puerto Rico would have access to more financial aid from the US
11 government; and
- 12 Whereas, Puerto Rico would be able to enter into an open trade market with the
13 United States and its allies; and
- 14 Whereas, Statehood would provide Puerto Rico with representation in the
15 government and the right to vote in elections; and
- 16 Whereas, Puerto Ricans would be granted full United States citizenship; now,
17 therefore, be it
- 18 Resolved, By the Congress here assembled that that the United States will grant
19 Puerto Rico statehood.

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