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HOUSE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION expressing support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America.


COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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Whereas, over 600,000 citizens of the District of Columbia pay taxes to the federal government but are denied voting representation in the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, over 192,000 citizens of the District of Columbia have fought in our armed forces in service to our nation; and

Whereas, the federal government has seen fit to send its armed forces, among them District of Columbia citizens, to fight on foreign soil in support and defense of democratic ideals while denying the residents of our own national capital the right of legislative representation; and

Whereas, those efforts to spread liberty and democracy to the far corners of the globe are undermined and diminished by the denial of democratic rights to over 600,000 citizens of the United States of America; and

Whereas, 8 service members from the District of Columbia have lost their lives in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the United States is the only nation in the world with a representative, democratic constitution that denies voting representation in the national legislature to the citizens of the capital; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia is the only political and geographical entity within the United States whose citizens bear the full responsibilities of citizenship without sharing in the appropriate privileges of citizenship; and

Whereas, this body is a shining example of representational democracy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the New Hampshire house of representatives declare its support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives formally declare its support for full representative democracy for the citizens of the District of Columbia; and

That the house clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, so that they may be apprised of the sentiments of the New Hampshire house of representatives on this matter.