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Expressing the sense of the Congress that safe and effective radioprotectant drugs should be procured and stockpiled by the Federal Government as soon as possible.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2005

Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas there is mounting evidence that al Qaeda and other international terrorist groups have pursued and continue to pursue the means to develop and deploy a radiological or nuclear weapon against the American people;

Whereas there are currently in development drug compounds that hold the potential to prevent or mitigate both the short-term and long-term effects of acute radiation expo-

sure, thereby potentially saving thousands of American lives in the event of a radiological or nuclear attack;

Whereas the Federal Government has the authority and resources to procure one or more safe and effective whole-body radioprotectants under the Project BioShield Act of 2004; and

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services has issued a request for information about potential drugs to treat acute radiation syndrome (“ARS”): Now, therefore, be it

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6 clear terrorism or other attack; and

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