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# H. RES. 1262

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable measures to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 decennial census.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2008

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CANNON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MCHENRY, Ms. FOXX, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SALI, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. DREIER, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ROSKAM, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CANTOR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KELLER of Florida, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable measures to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 decennial census.

Whereas the decennial census is described in article I, section 2 of the Constitution, which calls for an actual enumeration of the people every 10 years;

Whereas the decennial census is used to apportion seats in the House of Representatives among the States;

Whereas the decennial census is crucial to Federal policymakers who distribute billions of taxpayer dollars among many Federal programs based on the results of those enumerations;

Whereas the first official census was conducted in 1790 under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson, who was then the Secretary of State;

Whereas the 2010 decennial census will be the 23rd decennial census;

Whereas an accurate census is one that counts, as of the decennial census date, all persons living in the United States, any territory or possession of the United States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all Federal civilian and military personnel serving abroad; and

Whereas an accurate 2010 decennial census is crucial for our democracy and the equitable distribution of Federal funds: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2               (1) the House of Representatives demands that  
3       the 2010 decennial census count every person living  
4       in the United States, any territory or possession of  
5       the United States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto  
6       Rico, and all Federal civilian and military personnel  
7       serving abroad; and

1           (2) it is the sense of the House of Representa-  
2           tives that, in conducting the 2010 decennial census,  
3           the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable  
4           means to count every person living in the United  
5           States, any territory or possession of the United  
6           States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all  
7           Federal civilian and military personnel serving  
8           abroad.

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