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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Investigation of CIA Involvement With Crack Cocaine**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the President and Congress of the United States  
4 support a special bipartisan committee to investigate allegations of CIA involvement  
5 in the sale of crack cocaine as a way to fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

6 WHEREAS, The United States Senate filed a report in 1989 entitled "A Report of  
7 the Subcommittee on Narcotics, Terrorism and International Operations", also known as  
8 the Kerry Report, which established the following facts:

9 (1) individuals who provided support for the Contras were involved in drug  
10 trafficking;

11 (2) the supply network of the Contras was used by drug trafficking organizations;

12 (3) elements of the Contras themselves knowingly received financial assistance  
13 from drug traffickers;

14 (4) the State Department made payments to Contra operatives who had been  
15 indicted on drug charges; and

16 (5) federal law enforcement officers knew Contra operatives were involved in  
17 drug trafficking before the State Department entered into contractual relationships with  
18 them; and

19 WHEREAS, A series of investigative reports published in the San Jose Mercury  
20 News, August 18 to 20, 1996, reaffirmed the conclusion of the Senate Foreign Relations  
21 Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, The Congressional Black Caucus held a special hearing calling for the  
23 United States government to make a full accounting concerning allegations of CIA  
24 involvement in the introduction and trafficking of crack cocaine in the African-American  
25 community; and

26 WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of State Legislators endorses the call by  
27 Congressional Black Caucus Chair Maxine Waters, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane  
28 Feinstein, and the Los Angeles, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and other City Councils for  
29 investigation into the role of the CIA and other agencies and individuals in these  
30 operations; and

1           WHEREAS, The City Council of Baltimore passed a Resolution to support the  
2 efforts of members of the Congressional Black Caucus to uncover the truth concerning  
3 allegations of CIA involvement in drug trafficking in the inner cities of the United States;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The Mayor of Baltimore City asked the members of the Maryland  
6 Congressional Delegation, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Speaker Newt  
7 Gingrich, and the U.S. Conference of Black Mayors to support a thorough public inquiry  
8 into the CIA drug involvement; and

9           WHEREAS, Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings called for the United States  
10 government to make a full accounting concerning allegations of CIA involvement in the  
11 crack cocaine introduction and trafficking in the African-American community; and

12           WHEREAS, Maryland Senator Barbara A. Mikulski called for the creation of a  
13 Senate select committee and Congressional hearings to investigate the possible  
14 connection between the CIA and the distribution of crack on the streets in America's  
15 cities; and

16           WHEREAS, The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence convened hearings on  
17 the connection between the CIA and distribution of crack; and

18           WHEREAS, The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's hearings fell short of  
19 Senator Barbara Mikulski's call for the creation of a special Senate select committee,  
20 Congressman Elijah E. Cummings' call for the United States government to make a full  
21 accounting concerning allegations of CIA involvement in the crack cocaine introduction  
22 and trafficking in the African-American community, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke's call for a  
23 thorough public inquiry in the CIA drug involvement, and the City Council of Baltimore's  
24 support for the efforts of members of the Congressional Black Caucus to uncover the  
25 truth concerning allegations of CIA involvement in drug trafficking in the inner cities of  
26 the United States; now, therefore, be it

27           RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
28 President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully  
29 urged to support a special bipartisan committee that is instructed to convene  
30 investigations and hearings into allegations and documentation of CIA involvement in the  
31 sale of crack cocaine in the inner cities of the United States to fund the Nicaraguan  
32 Contras; and be it further

33           RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
34 Legislative Reference to the President of the United States; the Vice President of the  
35 United States; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; Senators Paul  
36 S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;  
37 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,  
38 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and  
39 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.