

HR 21 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE RESOLUTION **21**

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the right of residents of the District of Columbia to be fully represented in the Congress of the United States of America.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rosenwald, Hills 30; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Rep. Cote, Hills 31

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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

3 Whereas, over 194,000 citizens of the District of Columbia have fought in our armed forces in
4 service to our nation; and

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

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

11 Whereas, 9 service members from the District of Columbia have lost their lives in the conflicts in
12 Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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

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

19 Whereas, the New Hampshire house of representatives is a shining example of representational
20 democracy; now therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

22 That the New Hampshire house of representatives declares its support for the right of residents
23 of the District of Columbia to be fully represented in the Congress of the United States of America;
24 and

25 That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives, be
26 forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States of America, the Speaker of the
27 United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Mayor of the
28 District of Columbia, the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia and to each member of
29 the New Hampshire congressional delegation.