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Expressing no confidence in the Attorney General of the United States.

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MACK, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. CANSECO, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. SCHILLING, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JONES, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Mr. WEST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing no confidence in the Attorney General of the
United States.

Whereas the United States Attorney General is a key position
in the Executive Branch;

Whereas the laws of the United States are enforced and
upheld by the United States Attorney General;

Whereas the Judiciary Act of 1789 created the Office of the
Attorney General and the Attorney General represents
the United States in legal matters and gives advice and
opinions to the President and to the heads of the execu-
tive departments of the Government;

Whereas the people of the United States need to have full confidence in the Attorney General of the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States need assurance that the top law enforcement official in the United States is competent, trustworthy, and beyond reproach;

Whereas the people of the United States further expect that when mistakes are made, the Nation's top law enforcement office will not seek to cover up such mistakes, but will cooperate with Congress and the American public in disclosing the events and circumstances and transparently addressing the issues;

Whereas the current United States Attorney General, Eric Holder, presided over a law enforcement scheme called "Operation Fast and Furious" that was ill conceived at the outset and mismanaged;

Whereas according to information obtained through the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Operation Fast and Furious allowed thousands of weapons of various types to be illegally sold and or transferred from the United States to violent drug cartels and known criminals in Mexico and elsewhere;

Whereas under Attorney General Holder's watch, this operation was not set up to catch criminals and no proper monitoring of the guns being sold or transferred was undertaken;

Whereas Attorney General Holder further failed to inform or cooperate with Mexican authorities even though hundreds of weapons were being sent to Mexico;

Whereas currently, Mexico is under severe stress due to drug cartel wars;

Whereas credible sources estimate that over 35,000 Mexicans have been killed since 2007;

Whereas due to Attorney General Holder's failure to properly control, monitor, or establish Operation Fast and Furious, it is likely Mexican nationals were killed or wounded by weapons sold through this scheme;

Whereas the carnage resulting from Operation Fast and Furious is not limited to Mexico;

Whereas the evidence further suggests that such guns have been used in the United States, and may be involved in the death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry;

Whereas in response to Congressional inquiries, the Administration, through Attorney General Holder's office, initially provided false information to Congress;

Whereas in response to Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms whistleblowers who came to Congress, the Administration, through Attorney General Holder's office, retaliated against such whistleblowers; and

Whereas in response to Congressional inquiries, the Administration, through Attorney General Holder's office, has redacted key information and has been intransigent, obstructionist, and obdurate: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that Congress has lost confidence in the At-
3 torney General of the United States.

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