

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the week of February 25 through February
3 28, 2003 stories broke in the media regarding sexual
4 harassment and assault of several female cadets at the United
5 States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, Prior to February 2002, the Defense Department
7 Advisory Committee on Women in the Services advised the
8 military on sexual assault; and

9 WHEREAS, In February of 2002, the Pentagon allowed the
10 Committee's charter to expire and replaced its members and
11 changed its agenda; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States of America requires the
13 strongest of military forces; and

14 WHEREAS, A substantial number of military personnel
15 presently serving in the United States armed forces all over
16 the world are female; and

17 WHEREAS, A substantial number of military cadets
18 presently enrolled at the various military academies around
19 the nation are female; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we request that the United States Congress thoroughly and
23 completely investigate allegations of sexual harassment and
24 sexual assault in all branches of the military and all
25 military academies, especially the United States Air Force
26 Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the we request that the charter for the
28 panel known as the Defense Department Advisory Committee on
29 Women in the Services be once again renewed; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That we request that the Committee, as part of
2 its mission, be once again empowered with the right and
3 responsibility to advise the United States military of sexual
4 harassment and assault; and be it further

5 RESEOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to
6 President George W. Bush, Commander in Chief of the Armed
7 Forces of the United States of America; Vice President
8 Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate; Representative J.
9 Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives;
10 Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and each member of the
11 Illinois congressional delegation.