

1 [Urging Congress to fully restore funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services  
2 (COPS) program in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget]

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7 WHEREAS, The recent rise in violent crime nationwide is a concern to all local  
8 governments and reducing this surge in violence is a top priority in our cities; and

9 WHEREAS, The US Conference of Mayors reports that 2005 showed the largest  
10 single year percent increase in violent crime in 15 years, and this trend continued in 2006  
11 according to a Police Executive Research Forum survey; and,

12 WHEREAS, A number of factors contribute to this increase in crime, including a  
13 growing culture of violence among youth, gangs, a proliferation of illegal guns, drug activity,  
14 and social problems related to school truancy and lack of jobs; and,

15 WHEREAS, COPS provides grants to tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies  
16 to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-  
17 fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies; and,

18 WHEREAS, COPS has invested \$11.3 billion to add community policing officers to the  
19 nation's streets and schools, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention  
20 initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to advance community policing; and,

21 WHEREAS, Since its creation in 1994, COPS has funded over 118,000 community  
22 policing officers and deputies nationwide, including 267 police officers in San Francisco; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Administration has slashed federal funding for major Department of  
24 Justice law enforcement programs in recent years, including eliminating the COPS program,  
25 once funded at almost \$1.5 billion, in the President's current budget;

1           WHEREAS, Along with crime prevention, job training and youth programs, our cities  
2 need more police officers to walk the beat and keep our residents safe; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress to re-  
4 prioritize the need for hometown security and restore full funding to the COPS program.

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