

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Under Secretary of Terrorism Finance and Intelligence or a Treasury official in a senior financial role be included in the Deputies Committee of the National Security Council.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Under Secretary of Terrorism Finance and Intelligence or a Treasury official in a senior financial role be included in the Deputies Committee of the National Security Council.

Whereas the National Security Act of 1947 established the National Security Council to “advise the President with respect to the integration of domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to the national security so as to enable the military services and the other departments and agencies of the Government to cooperate more effectively in matters involving the national security”;

Whereas the National Security Council Deputies Committee is an interagency forum for the discussion of national security policy issues to support the work of the National Security Council;

Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury was added as a member of the President's National Security Council in 2017 as part of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act;

Whereas sanctions regimes are an important foreign policy tool used to maintain international norms by encouraging sanctioned entities to change behavior;

Whereas the evasion of sanctions by targeted individuals, groups, and nation-states undermines the national security and foreign policy of the United States;

Whereas other Federal agencies that have representatives on the Principals and Deputies Committees of the National Security Council and Deputy National Security Council do not have sanctions compliance and enforcement as a core function;

Whereas the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, both of which fall within the jurisdiction of the Under Secretary of Terrorism Finance and Intelligence of the United States Department of the Treasury, administer, enforce, and investigate breaches and evasions of economic and trade sanctions, in partnership with the White House and other Federal bodies;

Whereas the Under Secretary of Terrorism Finance and Intelligence or another official in a senior financial intelligence role would provide relevant information and guidance when national security issues related to sanctions,

trafficking, and illicit international finance are being discussed by the National Security Council; and

Whereas all official assignments and positions of the National Security Council and the Deputy National Security Council are determined by the President: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the President should include in the Na-
3 tional Security Council Deputies Committee—

4 (1) the Under Secretary of Terrorism Finance
5 and Intelligence; or

6 (2) a Treasury official in a senior financial role.