AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 112
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Page 68, after line 25, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ___. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON REQUIREMENT FOR**
2   **AUDIT READINESS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3   **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The House finds the following:

5   (1) In 1990, Congress passed a law requiring
6 that all Federal agencies must have auditable finan-
7 cial statements available at the end of each year.

8   (2) Since 1990, the Department of Defense has
9 spent over ten trillion dollars.

10   (3) The Department of Defense has been ex-
11 empted from Federal audits throughout this time.

12   (4) The Inspector General of the Defense De-
13 partment and the General Accounting Office have
14 found serious errors in the Pentagon's financial
15 records.

16   (5) In 2009, Congress set a goal of auditing the
17 Pentagon by 2017, yet the Defense Department offi-
18 cials have indicated that they may not to meet this
19 deadline.

1   (6) As the sole agency to benefit from record

2   levels of spending while also having minimal over-

3   sight and transparency standards, it is the fiduciary

4   duty of Congress to ensure that taxpayer dollars are

5   spent effectively in protecting our national security

6   interests.

7   (b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the

8 House that the Department of Defense should make avail-

9 able valid, audit-ready financial statements of the Depart-

10 ment for fiscal year 2012 within 180 days after the date

11 of the enactment of this resolution.

12   (c) ACCOUNTS EXCLUDED.—The following accounts

13 are excluded from subsection (b):

14   (1) Military personnel, reserve personnel, and

15   National Guard personnel accounts of the Depart-

16   ment of Defense.

17   (2) The Defense Health Program account.

18   (d) VALIDATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term

19 "valid" means, with respect to audit-ready financial state-

20 ments, a determination, following an examination, that the

21 financial statements comply with generally accepted ac-

22 counting principles and applicable laws and regulations

23 and reflect reliable internal controls.

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