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## **King, Republican Leaders Want Answers on DHS Rightwing Extremism Report**

*Resolution of Inquiry would require DHS hand over documents on report's development*

**Washington, D.C. (Wednesday, May 6, 2009)**—Today, U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, along with Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH), Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA), Republican Conference Chairman Mike Pence (R-IN), and Republican Members of the Committee on Homeland Security introduced a Resolution of Inquiry, H. Res. 404, asking Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to release information used in compiling the so-called “Rightwing Extremism,” report.

“We need to get to the bottom of how this report was developed, and what kind of approval process occurred before it was sent out as gospel to Police Departments across the country,” King said. “We have made repeated requests that the committee hold a bipartisan oversight hearing, but unfortunately those requests have been ignored. We are left with no other alternative but to demand answers from the Secretary of Homeland Security herself.”

“The report that came out of DHS was offensive, and unfortunately Secretary Napolitano still has a lot of explaining to do,” said Leader Boehner. “She has not explained how this report came about, why she signed off on it, or why she defended it, rather than immediately apologizing to the current and former members of America’s Armed Forces. I’d like to thank Ranking Member King for leading the effort to get this matter resolved.”

The Resolution of Inquiry directs Secretary Napolitano to submit to the House of Representatives within 14 days after the date of adoption all documents relating to the Intelligence Assessment titled, “Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment.”

“We need thoughtful, bipartisan oversight of the Department of Homeland Security,” King said. “The American people need to know how exactly the Department reached the conclusion that veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan might be recruited by extremists. What’s more, how did a report go forward ignoring the input of the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at DHS? It is absolutely crucial that one hand knows what the other hand is doing. It doesn’t seem like that’s what happened here.”

Other original cosponsors of the legislation include Reps. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Mark Souder (R-IN), Dan Lungren (R-CA), Mike Rogers (R-AL), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Charlie Dent (R-PA), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Paul Broun (R-GA), Candice Miller (R-MI), Pete Olson (R-TX) and Steve Austria (R-OH).

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