

H. Res. 295

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

June 10, 2015.

Whereas the United States Department of Justice issued a report titled, “Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras”, which details a number of benefits of body-worn cameras, including—

(1) increased transparency and citizen views of police legitimacy;

(2) improved behavior and civility among both police officers and citizens; and

(3) increased evidentiary benefits that expedite resolution of citizen complaints or lawsuits and improving evidence for arrest and prosecution; and

Whereas the University of Cambridge’s Institute of Criminology conducted a 12-month study on the use of body-worn cameras used by law enforcement in the United Kingdom and estimated that the cameras led to a 50 percent reduction in use of force, and in addition, complaints against police fell approximately by 90 percent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes all law enforcement agencies and officers for their tireless work to protect us and make our communities safer;

(2) recognizes the potential for the use of body-worn cameras by on-duty law enforcement officers to improve community relations, increase transparency, and protect both citizens and police; and

(3) encourages State and local law enforcement agencies to consider the use of body-worn cameras, including policies and protocols to handle privacy, storage, and other relevant concerns.

Attest:

Clerk.