Resolution Continuing Government Operations Until March 23, 2018, Funding the Department of Defense, and Providing Important Health Care Extensions

Maintains Federal Operations and Prevents a Government Shutdown

- Continues funding at the current (FY 2017) rate until **March 23, 2018**
- Without this measure, existing funding would run out on February 8
- Clean extension of funding with limited changes to ensure good governance
- Continues all anomalies made in prior Continuing Resolutions

Includes Vital Funding for Our Armed Forces

- Includes $659.2B in full-year, FY18 funding for the Department of Defense, as passed by the House three times previously, most recently last week as H.R. 695
- Includes a 2.4% pay raise for our troops and an increase in troop numbers for Active, Reserve, and Guard

Makes Limited Changes to Continue Important Government Programs

- Provides an additional $51M to avoid delays in preparation for the 2020 Census
- Provides operating funds for the Southeastern Power Administration, which are fully offset by collections from power customers
- Authorizes the Secretary of Energy to draw down and make sales from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve fund
- Provides the Judiciary with additional juror fees to accommodate for increased juror usage
- Provides $225M in emergency funds to the Small Business Administration to continue issuing disaster loans and to aid recovery in areas affected by 2017 natural disasters

Provides Extensions for Critical Health Care Programs

- Extends funding and updates policies for various health care programs, including a two-year extension on funding for Community Health Care Centers