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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. RES.** _____

Authorizing two Members to serve as joint sponsors of a bill, resolution, or joint resolution in the House of Representatives if one of the Members is from the majority party and the other is from the minority party.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Building Unity
4 through Dual Sponsors Resolution” or the “BUDS Reso-
5 lution”.

1 **SEC. 2. JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZING JOINT SPONSORSHIP.—Clause 7 of
3 rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
5 graph:

6 “(d) A public bill or public resolution may be spon-
7 sored jointly by two Members, including the Delegates and
8 the Resident Commissioner, if one of the Members is from
9 the majority party and the other Member is from the mi-
10 nority party.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO AU-
12 THORITY TO NAME COSPONSORS.—Clause 7(b)(1) of rule
13 XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is
14 amended by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
15 lowing: “In the case of a public bill or public resolution
16 which is sponsored jointly by two Members pursuant to
17 paragraph (d), both of the sponsors may name cospon-
18 sors.”.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO SUB-
20 MISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATE-
21 MENT.—Clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII of the Rules of the
22 House of Representatives is amended by striking “the
23 sponsor submits” and inserting “the sponsor submits (or,
24 in the case of a public bill or public resolution which is
25 sponsored jointly by two Members pursuant to paragraph
26 (d), both of the sponsors submit)”.