

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H.Res. 196 with an
Amendment**

(The amendment consists of a substitute text)

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 196

Supporting the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the
right to counsel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. CHU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Supporting the Sixth Amendment to the United States
Constitution, the right to counsel.

Whereas on March 18, 1963, the Supreme Court recognized in *Gideon v. Wainwright* that counsel must be provided to indigent defendants in all felony cases;

Whereas the Supreme Court held that providing counsel to indigent defendants in all felony cases meets the essential requirements of the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas the Supreme Court held in *Argersinger v. Hamlin* that absent a knowing and intelligent waiver, no person may be imprisoned for any offense, whether classified as petty, misdemeanor, or felony, unless they were represented by counsel at their trial: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the Sixth Amendment to the
3 United States Constitution, the right to counsel;

4 (2) supports strategies to improve the criminal
5 justice system to ensure that indigent defendants in
6 all felony cases are adequately represented by coun-
7 sel; and

8 (3) urges States to work to ensure that indigent
9 defendants in all felony cases are adequately rep-
10 resented by counsel.