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# H. CON. RES. 288

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to children infected with  
AIDS in Romania.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEACH, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. LEVY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WOLF, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to children  
infected with AIDS in Romania.

Whereas prior to 1989, the former communist government of Romania denied the widespread existence of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

Whereas prior to 1989, the communist government of Romania promoted medical practices that led unwittingly to the injection of HIV-infected blood into otherwise healthy children;

Whereas after Romania began to address the reality of the problem of AIDS, it was found that by 1993, 89 percent of all cases of HIV infection in Romania involved children, which is the highest such rate in Europe, with most such cases being in the port city of Constanta;

Whereas with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development and under the coordination of the United Nations Children's Fund, American private voluntary organizations have joined private voluntary organizations of other nations in working to alleviate the suffering of Romanian children infected with the AIDS virus, primarily in the Constanta region, by providing for these children a "homelike" atmosphere, proper nutrition, proper hygiene, foster parenting, and parent counseling; and

Whereas reliable statistics with respect to the AIDS situation in Romania are no longer available because the Romanian Ministry of Health has disbanded its HIV/AIDS unit: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) commends the work of those private vol-  
4        untary organizations from the United States and  
5        other countries who, with the help of the United  
6        States Agency for International Development and  
7        other assistance organizations, have made life more  
8        bearable for Romanian children infected with the  
9        AIDS virus;

1           (2) calls for the continuation of current meas-  
2           ures to assist children infected with the AIDS virus  
3           in the Constanta region of Romania and elsewhere,  
4           and for the implementation by the Government of  
5           Romania or its designee of a nationwide AIDS-  
6           awareness campaign to lessen the possibility of the  
7           spread of infection to additional children and other  
8           members of the population in Romania;

9           (3) urges the United States Agency for Inter-  
10          national Development to use its authority under the  
11          Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act  
12          of 1989 to provide assistance for the extension of  
13          AIDS treatment programs to other areas of Roma-  
14          nia where children infected with the AIDS virus  
15          have similar needs;

16          (4) calls on the United States Agency for Inter-  
17          national Development to report to the Committee on  
18          Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
19          the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate  
20          on—

21                 (A) the extent of HIV infection among  
22                 children in Romania, and

23                 (B) efforts to provide assistance to address  
24                 this problem and to prevent further infection  
25                 among both children and adults;

1           (5) calls on the Government of Romania to pro-  
2           vide all appropriate assistance to address the AIDS  
3           problem, in particular statistical and other analyses  
4           on the spread of infection by the AIDS virus; and

5           (6) calls on the United States Agency for Inter-  
6           national Development to offer assistance to the Ro-  
7           manian Ministry of Health in the collection and  
8           analysis of relevant statistics with respect to AIDS.

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