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# H. RES. 476

Congratulating the people of Germany and the citizens of Berlin on the occasion of the withdrawal of United States troops from Berlin, and reaffirming United States-Berlin friendship.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Germany and the citizens of Berlin on the occasion of the withdrawal of United States troops from Berlin, and reaffirming United States-Berlin friendship.

Whereas the people of the United States and Germany have enjoyed warm and amicable relations for 5 decades;

Whereas throughout the Cold War the existence of a free and democratic West Berlin served as a symbol of Western resolve in the face of totalitarian aggression;

Whereas the armed forces of the United States have maintained a continuous presence in defense of the city of Berlin for 49 years;

Whereas, in 1948 and 1949, the United States came to the assistance of the people of Berlin during the 462 days of the Berlin airlift;

Whereas, following the construction of the Berlin wall, the armed forces of the United States stationed in Berlin demonstrated the American resolve to participate in the defense of Western Europe;

Whereas the United States takes pride in having admirably fulfilled its administrative responsibilities over its sector in the city of Berlin;

Whereas the citizens of Berlin have reciprocated the United States' commitment by demonstrating warm and genuine hospitality and a willingness to integrate the American community deeply into the life of the city;

Whereas the American people shared the joy of the German people at the collapse of the Berlin wall and German unification;

Whereas the termination of the Warsaw Pact and the subsequent unification of Germany reduced the strategic requirement for a continued United States military presence in Berlin;

Whereas the United States Berlin Brigade, together with French and British contingents stationed in Berlin, are now preparing for their departure from Berlin; and

Whereas the history of friendly relations and longstanding commercial and cultural bonds between the people of Berlin and the United States form a sound basis for continued warm and positive relations: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) congratulates the people of Germany on the  
2           unification of the Nation and the city of Berlin as  
3           it prepares to resume its position as the seat of gov-  
4           ernment of united Germany;

5           (2) congratulates the armed forces of the  
6           United States, civilian administrators, and the  
7           American people for 5 decades of sacrifice and  
8           steadfast support for the city of Berlin;

9           (3) recognizes and salutes the contribution of  
10          British and French allies in the defense of Berlin;

11          (4) reaffirms the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
12          zation obligations of the United States and Ameri-  
13          ca's continued support for a free, democratic, and  
14          united Germany; and

15          (5) welcomes the further enrichment of the re-  
16          lationship between the United States and the city of  
17          Berlin based on an approach fostering new tradi-  
18          tions in economic and cultural links.

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