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Calling on the President to provide to the United States Armed Forces in the former Yugoslavia resources and other support necessary to carry out the mission of enforcing the peace agreement between the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. McHALE, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. BLUTE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling on the President to provide to the United States Armed Forces in the former Yugoslavia resources and other support necessary to carry out the mission of enforcing the peace agreement between the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Whereas the United States hosted Proximity Talks in Dayton, Ohio, from November 1 through 21, 1995, for the purpose of allowing the negotiation of a peaceful settle-

ment to the longstanding conflict in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas the President of the United States pledged to commit United States ground forces to enforce a peace agreement between warring parties in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas the Proximity Talks concluded with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia initialing a General Framework Agreement for Peace on November 21, 1995;

Whereas the President has asked the American people and the Congress to support the placement of United States Armed Forces on the ground in the former Yugoslavia to enforce the peace agreement upon its formal signing by the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;

Whereas the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, has authorized and initiated the deployment of United States Armed Forces on the ground in the former Yugoslavia before obtaining congressional approval;

Whereas the Congress has grave reservations about the deployment of United States Armed Forces on the ground in the former Yugoslavia, but unequivocally supports the United States Armed Forces in their mission;

Whereas the enforcement of the peace agreement in the former Yugoslavia presents demanding challenges and poses extraordinary risks to the safety and security of the United States Armed Forces deployed there; and

Whereas the Congress wants to minimize the risks to the United States Armed Forces enforcing the peace agreement in the former Yugoslavia and ensure that they have

the necessary equipment and support to perform their mission effectively: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) all decisions regarding the operations of the
4 United States Armed Forces in the former Yugo-
5 slavia, including any decision or action that would
6 affect the safety and well-being of United States
7 military personnel, should reflect the judgment of
8 United States military commanders in the chain of
9 command for the forces in the former Yugoslavia;

10 (2) the President should direct the Secretary of
11 Defense to respond immediately and completely to
12 the requests made by the Commander of the United
13 States Armed Forces in the former Yugoslavia and
14 the supporting theater of operations for resources
15 and other support necessary to carry out the mission
16 of enforcing the peace agreement in the former
17 Yugoslavia; and

18 (3) the mission of the United States Armed
19 Forces in the former Yugoslavia should not be ex-
20 panded in scope or extended beyond the 1-year dead-
21 line imposed by the President, unless the President
22 determines, in consultation with the Congress, such
23 action is necessary to protect United States Armed

- 1 Forces in the former Yugoslavia or vital national se-
- 2 curity interests.

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