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# H. CON. RES. 101

Recommending the integration of Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the earliest possible date.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 1997

Mr. RUSH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Lithuania has reached a time of great political and economic progress;

Whereas Lithuania has held successful democratic elections since 1991;

Whereas Lithuania has made significant progress toward a more open economy;

Whereas Lithuania has dealt successfully with citizenship and human rights issues by instituting one of the most liberal citizenship laws;

Whereas Lithuania has been on the forefront of several military initiatives, including the Partnership for Peace pro-

gram and the NATO-led multinational military force in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (commonly referred to as “IFOR”); and

Whereas Lithuania has applied for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): 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) Lithuania should be commended for its  
4            progress toward political and economic liberty and  
5            meeting the guidelines for prospective North Atlan-  
6            tic Treaty Organization (NATO) members set out in  
7            chapter 5 of the study on NATO enlargement of  
8            September 1995;

9            (2) Lithuania would make an outstanding con-  
10            tribution toward furthering the goals of NATO  
11            should it become a NATO member;

12            (3) eventual extension of full NATO member-  
13            ship to Lithuania would make a singular, lasting  
14            contribution toward stability, freedom, and peace in  
15            the Baltic region;

16            (4) upon complete satisfaction of the aforemen-  
17            tioned guidelines and all other criteria for NATO  
18            membership, Lithuania should be invited to become  
19            a full NATO member at the earliest possible date;  
20            and

- 1           (5) Lithuania should be invited to attend the
- 2           NATO summit in Madrid on July 7 and 8, 1997.

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