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H. CON. RES. 252

Relating to a United States initiative to help resolve the situation in Cyprus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FILNER, Ms. FURSE, Mr. HORN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to a United States initiative to help resolve the situation in Cyprus.

Whereas President Glafcos Clerides of the Republic of Cyprus was recently re-elected for a second 5-year term with a renewed mandate to resolve the situation in Cyprus arising from Turkey's invasion of the island in 1974 and its continuing military occupation of 37 percent of Cyprus's territory;

Whereas the international community, including the United States, is expected to engage in a sustained effort to

bring about a just, viable, and comprehensive solution to the situation in Cyprus;

Whereas Cyprus will begin negotiations with the European Union on March 31, 1998, for accession to the European Union;

Whereas it is recognized that the prospect of Cyprus's accession to the European Union could serve as a catalyst for resolving the situation in Cyprus;

Whereas the entire population of Cyprus, including the Turkish Cypriots, would benefit greatly from Cyprus's membership in the European Union;

Whereas a positive contribution by Turkey to the solution of the situation in Cyprus, as repeatedly called for by the United States and the international community, will not only facilitate Turkey's aspirations in Europe but will also enhance stability and peace in the Eastern Mediterranean and will safeguard the interests on the United States in the region;

Whereas the United States Government has sought to identify the remains of United States citizen Andreas Kassapis and hopes that this action will lead to further breakthroughs on the subject of the missing from both communities in Cyprus;

Whereas, in July 1997, the House of Representatives and the Senate adopted House Concurrent Resolution 81 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 41 calling for a United States initiative to resolve the situation in Cyprus on the basis of international law, the provisions of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, democratic principles, including respect for human rights and fun-

damental freedoms, and in accordance with the norms and requirements for accession to the European Union;

Whereas the House of Representatives and the Senate in these concurrent resolutions also consider that lasting peace and stability on Cyprus could be best secured by a process of complete demilitarization of the island;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092 of December 23, 1996, states that a Cyprus settlement must be based on a state of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international personality and single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising 2 politically equal communities as described in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions in a bicomunal and bizonal federation and that such a settlement must exclude union in whole or in part with any country or any form of partition or secession; and

Whereas the Congress intends to remain actively seized of the matter: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress strongly urges the Presi-
 3 dent—

4 (1) to seize the opportunity presented by the
 5 beginning of a new presidential term in the Republic
 6 of Cyprus and the opening accession negotiations be-
 7 tween Cyprus and the European Union to launch an
 8 initiative to resolve the situation in Cyprus based on
 9 the parameters and principles set forth in House
 10 Concurrent Resolution 81 and Senate Concurrent

1 Resolution 41 of the 105th Congress and United
2 Nations Security Council Resolution 1092 of Decem-
3 ber 23, 1996; and

4 (2) to continue the bimonthly reports to the
5 Congress on the active engagement of the United
6 States in the efforts to find a solution to such situa-
7 tion in Cyprus.

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