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Concerning the situation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
and the Republic of Korea.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the situation between the Democratic People's
Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

Whereas the Korean demilitarized zone remains extremely
tense 44 years after the ending of the Korean War;

Whereas with more than 1,000,000 soldiers in the Demo-
cratic People's Republic of Korea and 600,000 soldiers in
the Republic of Korea, both militaries are on a constant
high alert;

Whereas the threat of North-South military confrontation be-
tween the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the
Republic of Korea is of grave concern to the United
States;

Whereas 37,000 United States troops are stationed on the
Korean Peninsula;

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea have long had a close relationship based on mutual respect, shared security goals, and shared interests;

Whereas in April 1996 President Clinton and Republic of Korea President Kim Young Sam invited China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to participate in four-way talks with the goal of replacing the 1953 armistice agreement with a permanent peace settlement;

Whereas the participation of China is integral to the success of any agreement;

Whereas it will be impossible to resolve the conflict on the Korean Peninsula and fashion a lasting solution unless the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea engage in direct dialogue, without depending on other parties to act as intermediaries;

Whereas there is estimated to be a 2,300,000 ton grain shortfall in 1997 in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

Whereas there have been recent eyewitness reports of starvation, malnutrition, and widespread disease in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

Whereas these food shortages could lead to political instability: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports United States troops who have
4 faithfully served the interests of the United States
5 by ensuring stability on the Korean Peninsula;

1 (2) supports our Republic of Korea allies who
2 have made good faith efforts to resolve this conflict;
3 and

4 (3) supports four-way talks between the United
5 States, China, the Republic of Korea, and the Demo-
6 cratic People's Republic of Korea to peacefully and
7 permanently resolve the conflict between the two Ko-
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