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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, as evidenced most recently by a mortar attack and exchange of gunfire on July 17, 1997;

Whereas with more than 1,000,000 soldiers in the Democratic 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 between 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 as a result of an invitation extended last year by President Clinton and Republic of Korea President Kim Young Sam, four-party preparatory talks involving the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China are likely to begin in August 1997 to determine timing, venue, level of representation, and broad agenda categories for forthcoming talks;

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

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: Now, therefore, be it

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

