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H. RES. 558

Congratulating the Russian Federation and the citizens of Volgograd on the 60th anniversary of the Russian victory at Stalingrad.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Mr. SNYDER (for himself and Mr. BEREUTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Russian Federation and the citizens of Volgograd on the 60th anniversary of the Russian victory at Stalingrad.

Whereas February 2, 2003, is the 60th anniversary of the Russian victory of the Battle of Stalingrad;

Whereas, from August of 1942 to February of 1943, Russia fought valiantly against overwhelming odds and halted the southern advance of a Nazi Germany force exceeding 500,000 soldiers and turned the tide of World War II;

Whereas 16 Russian divisions under the command of General Vasily I. Chuikov, defended the city of Stalingrad at the highest of costs and effectively launched an offensive that would carry them to Berlin and conclusively to the end of the war;

Whereas, despite the efforts of Axis forces to crush the Russian state, the Russian people never lost their hope for victory or belief in the cause of the Allied forces;

Whereas Russia provided necessary inspiration and encouragement for Allied forces fighting throughout Africa, Europe, and the Pacific; and

Whereas Russia sacrificed over 1,000,000 lives and endured the most tremendous of hardships to withstand the Nazi assault: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates Russia on the victory at the
3 Battle of Stalingrad;

4 (2) recognizes the importance of the Battle of
5 Stalingrad and expresses its gratitude toward Rus-
6 sia;

7 (3) expresses the deepest sympathy for the
8 grave losses experienced by the peoples of Volgograd
9 and all of Russia; and

10 (4) joins with the citizens of Volgograd in com-
11 memorating the anniversary of this important vic-
12 tory.

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