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S. RES. 263

Congratulating the Republic of Croatia on the 10th anniversary of its recognition by the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Republic of Croatia on the 10th anniversary of its recognition by the United States.

Whereas the United States recognized the Republic of Croatia on April 7, 1992, acknowledging the decision of the Croatian people to live in an independent, democratic, and sovereign country;

Whereas, during the 10 years since the recognition, the people of Croatia have overcome the legacy of the autocratic Tudjman government and persevered in building a democratic society, based on the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a free market economy, as shown by the democratic parliamentary and presidential elections held in January and February 2000;

Whereas the people and Government of the Republic of Croatia share the democratic values of the international community and the responsibility to uphold them, actively promoting democratic values in international organizations;

Whereas Croatia, cooperating on the basis of partnership and solidarity, participates in the Vilnius Group, which is committed to the common values of security and democratic stability through future North Atlantic Treaty Organization membership;

Whereas Croatia is a reliable friend and ally of the United States, actively contributing to the stabilization of South Central Europe; and

Whereas Croatia immediately positioned itself within the antiterrorism coalition of nations, sharing the common interests and values of the free and democratic world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Republic of Croatia for the
3 significant progress it has made during the past decade,
4 and encourages its democratic orientation and
5 further strengthening of respect for human rights,
6 the rule of law, and the free market;

7 (2) supports the Republic of Croatia's aspirations
8 to become a member of the North Atlantic
9 Treaty Organization (NATO), welcomes its commitment
10 to the reforms required for NATO membership,
11 acknowledges the importance of its continued

1 commitment to those reforms, and recommends its
2 acceptance into the Membership Action Plan at the
3 NATO Ministerial in Reykjavik, Iceland in May
4 2002;

5 (3) encourages Croatia's continued contribu-
6 tions in bringing peace, stability, and prosperity to
7 the region of South Central Europe, including con-
8 tinuing its cooperation with the International Crimi-
9 nal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; and

10 (4) recognizes the important role of the Cro-
11 atian-American community in supporting the
12 strengthening of bilateral relations between the
13 United States and the Republic of Croatia.

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