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# H. CON. RES. 101

Recommending the integration of Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the earliest possible date.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Lithuania has reached a time of great political and economic progress;

Whereas Lithuania has held successful democratic elections since 1991;

Whereas Lithuania has made significant progress toward a more open economy;

Whereas Lithuania has dealt successfully with citizenship and human rights issues by instituting one of the most liberal citizenship laws;

Whereas Lithuania has been on the forefront of several military initiatives, including the Partnership for Peace pro-

gram and the NATO-led multinational military force in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (commonly referred to as “IFOR”); and

Whereas Lithuania has applied for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Now, therefore, be it

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

3               (1) Lithuania should be commended for its  
4       progress toward political and economic liberty and  
5       meeting the guidelines for prospective North Atlan-  
6       tic Treaty Organization (NATO) members set out in  
7       chapter 5 of the study on NATO enlargement of  
8       September 1995;

9               (2) Lithuania would make an outstanding con-  
10      tribution toward furthering the goals of NATO  
11      should it become a NATO member;

12              (3) eventual extension of full NATO member-  
13      ship to Lithuania would make a singular, lasting  
14      contribution toward stability, freedom, and peace in  
15      the Baltic region;

16              (4) upon complete satisfaction of the aforemen-  
17      tioned guidelines and all other criteria for NATO  
18      membership, Lithuania should be invited to become  
19      a full NATO member at the earliest possible date;  
20      and

- 1 (5) Lithuania should be invited to attend the
- 2 NATO summit in Madrid on July 7 and 8, 1997.

