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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell-Douglas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. METCALF (for himself, Ms. DUNN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. WHITE, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell-Douglas.

Whereas the Boeing Company and McDonnell-Douglas have announced their merger;

Whereas the Department of Defense has approved the merger as consistent with the national security of the United States;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission has found that the merger does not violate the antitrust laws of the United States;

Whereas the European Commission has consistently criticized and threatened the merger before, during, and after its consideration of the facts; and

Whereas the sole true reason for the European Commission criticism and imminent disapproval of the merger is to gain unfair competitive advantage for Airbus Industries, a government-owned aircraft manufacturer: 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) any disapproval by the European Commis-
4 sion of the merger of the Boeing Company and
5 McDonnell-Douglas would constitute an unwar-
6 ranted and unprecedented interference in a United
7 State business transaction that would threaten thou-
8 sands of American aerospace jobs; and

9 (2) the President should take such actions as
10 he considers to be appropriate to protect United
11 States interests in connection with this matter.

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