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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for an end to the recent conflict between Eritrea
and Ethiopia, and for other purposes.

Whereas the 1991 ouster of the Mengistu dictatorship led to
relative peace and stability in Eritrea and Ethiopia;

Whereas in 1993 Eritrea became independent after an inter-
nationally supervised referendum and the Government of
Ethiopia accepted the result of the referendum;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have worked closely on a wide range of issues over the past several years;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia enjoy warm relations with the United States;

Whereas on May 6, 1998, a military confrontation erupted between Eritrea and Ethiopia, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians and the displacement of tens of thousands of people;

Whereas the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia have suffered for decades due to war and manmade famines and do not deserve once again to suffer due to armed conflict;

Whereas the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia could destabilize the entire subregion and lead to a massive humanitarian crisis;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have both stated that they are committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Rwanda, as well as countries in the region, have put forth proposals for resolving the conflict: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) calls on both Eritrea and Ethiopia imme-
4 diately to bring an end to the violence between the
5 two countries;

6 (2) commends the executive branch of the
7 United States Government for brokering a morato-
8 rium on air raids between Eritrea and Ethiopia;

1 (3) commends the recent efforts of the United
2 States facilitation team to resolve the crisis, and en-
3 courages continued United States engagement to-
4 ward a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and

5 (4) calls on President Isaias Afewerki and
6 Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to end the conflict
7 peacefully before it escalates into a full-scale war.

Passed the House of Representatives September 9,
1998.

Attest:

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Clerk.