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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty, and full independence of Lebanon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. JOHN, and Mr. DINGELL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty, and full independence of Lebanon.

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

3 (1) the Congress—

4 (A) reaffirms the commitment of the Unit-
5 ed States to preserve the territorial integrity,
6 unity, sovereignty, and full independence of
7 Lebanon;

8 (B) commends the President for hosting
9 the “Friends of Lebanon” conference on De-

1 cember 16, 1996, and urges the President to
2 take further steps to assist Lebanon's recon-
3 struction; and

4 (C) calls for the withdrawal of all non-Leb-
5 anese forces from Lebanon so that Lebanon will
6 no longer serve as the preferred battleground
7 for its neighbors;

8 (2) it is the sense of the Congress that—

9 (A) the President should consider resolving
10 the presence of non-Lebanese forces in Lebanon
11 without relying exclusively upon a comprehen-
12 sive peace in the region to resolve this issue;
13 and

14 (B) insofar as Lebanon's neighbors require
15 security from Lebanon, Lebanon must be se-
16 cure from interference from its neighbors;

17 (3) the Congress—

18 (A) calls upon the President to negotiate
19 directly with officials of the Government of Leb-
20 anon on issues pertaining to Lebanon; and

21 (B) calls upon Lebanon to assert more
22 independence to assure the international com-
23 munity that Lebanon has the political will and
24 military capability to guarantee security along

1 its borders for itself and its neighbors and dis-
2 arm all militias;

3 (4) insofar as the democratic process is part of
4 Lebanon's national character, the Congress urges
5 that Lebanon respect freedom of the press, human
6 rights, judicial due process, political freedom, the
7 right of association, and freedom of assembly;

8 (5) the Congress commends the Lebanese Gov-
9 ernment for its determination to hold municipal elec-
10 tions for the first time since 1963; and

11 (6) it is the sense of the Congress that the
12 President should use the guidelines set forth in
13 paragraphs (1) through (4) in formulating United
14 States policy toward Lebanon.

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