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Expressing the sense of the Congress welcoming His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 1997

Mr. LANTOS (for himself and Mr. PORTER) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress welcoming His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet to the United States.

Whereas on September 21, 1987, the Dalai Lama visited the United States Congress at the invitation of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and publicly presented his Five Point Peace Plan for Tibet for the first time;

Whereas on December 11, 1989, the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of the Five Point Peace Plan for Tibet and his consistent principled resistance to the use of force or violence;

Whereas on this, the tenth anniversary of the presentation of the Dalai Lama's Five Point Peace Plan, the Government of the People's Republic of China has yet to enter into serious discussions, without preconditions, with the Dalai Lama or his representatives, in spite of repeated

calls from the United States and other governments to do so;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China continues to carry out policies that threaten the existence of Tibet's unique religious, cultural and linguistic traditions, despite urging from the United States and other governments that the People's Republic of China take measures to respect these unique traditions;

Whereas the Dalai Lama's first visit to Taiwan in March 1997 and his message of tolerance and non-violence resonated among millions of people in Taiwan; and

Whereas His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet will be visiting Washington, D.C., in April 1997: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring) that the Congress*

3 (1) warmly welcomes His Holiness the XIV
4 Dalai Lama of Tibet to the United States;

5 (2) urges the President to meet with His Holi-
6 ness the Dalai Lama during his visit to discuss sub-
7 stantive issues;

8 (3) requests the President to continue to urge
9 the Government of the People's Republic of China to
10 meet with the Dalai Lama or his representatives,
11 without preconditions, to discuss a solution to the
12 impasse in their relations; and

13 (4) requests His Holiness the Dalai Lama to
14 communicate to the Tibetan people that the Con-

- 1 gress and the American people support them in their
- 2 struggle to preserve Tibetan identity and to protect
- 3 and exercise their freedoms.

