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Referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia, and for other purposes.

Whereas in 1990, Mongolia renounced the Communist form of government and peacefully adopted a series of changes that linked economic development with democratic political reforms;

Whereas the Mongolian people have held 2 presidential elections and 3 parliamentary elections since 1990, all featuring vigorous campaigns by candidates from multiple political parties;

Whereas these elections have been free from violence, voter intimidation, and ballot irregularities, and the peaceful transfer of power from one Mongolian government to another has been successfully completed, demonstrating

Mongolia's commitment to peace, stability, and the rule of law;

Whereas every Mongolian government since the end of communism has dedicated itself to promoting and protecting individual freedoms, the rule of law, respect for human rights, freedom of the press, and the principle of self-government, thereby demonstrating that Mongolia is consolidating democratic gains and moving to institutionalize democratic processes;

Whereas Mongolia stands apart as one of the few countries in central and southeast Asia that is truly a fully functioning democracy;

Whereas the efforts of Mongolia to promote economic development through free market economic policies, while also promoting human rights and individual liberties, building democratic institutions, and protecting the environment, serve as a beacon to freethinking people throughout the region and the world;

Whereas the commitment of Mongolia to democracy makes it a critical element in efforts to foster and maintain regional stability throughout central and southeast Asia;

Whereas Mongolia has some of the most pristine environments in the world, which provide habitats to plant and animal species that have been lost elsewhere, and has shown a strong desire to protect its environment through the Biodiversity Conservation Action Plan while moving forward with economic development, thus service as a model for developing nations in the region and throughout the world;

Whereas Mongolia has demonstrated a strong commitment to the same ideals that the United States stands for as a

nation, and has indicated a strong desire to deepen and strengthen its relationship with the United States;

Whereas the Mongolia Government has established civilian control of the military—a hallmark of democratic nations—and is now working with parliamentary and military leaders in Mongolia, through the United States International Military Education and Training program, to further develop oversight of the Mongolia military; and

Whereas Mongolia is seeking to develop political and military relationships with neighboring countries as a means of enhancing regional stability: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) Congress—

4 (A) strongly supports efforts by the United
5 States and Mongolia to use the resources of
6 their respective countries to strengthen political,
7 economic, educational, and cultural ties between
8 the two countries;

9 (B) confirms the commitment of the
10 United States to an independent, sovereign, se-
11 cure, and democratic Mongolia;

12 (C) applauds and encourages Mongolia's
13 simultaneous efforts to develop its democratic
14 and free market institutions;

15 (D) supports future contacts between the
16 United States and Mongolia in such a manner

1 as will benefit the parliamentary, judicial, and
2 political institutions of Mongolia, particularly
3 through the creation of an interparliamentary
4 exchange between Congress of the United
5 States and the Mongolian parliament;

6 (E) supports the efforts of the Mongolia
7 parliament to establish United States–Mongolia
8 Friendship Day;

9 (F) encourages the efforts of Mongolia to-
10 ward economic development that is compatible
11 with environmental protection and supports an
12 exchange of ideas and information with respect
13 to such efforts between Mongolia and United
14 States scientists;

15 (G) commends Mongolia for its foresight in
16 environmental protection through the Biodiver-
17 sity Conservation Action Plan and encourages
18 Mongolia to obtain the goals illustrated in the
19 plan; and

20 (H) commends the efforts of Mongolia to
21 strengthen civilian control over the Mongolia
22 military through parliamentary oversight and
23 recommends that Mongolia be admitted into the
24 Partnership for Peace initiative at the earliest
25 opportunity; and

1 (2) it is the sense of Congress that the
2 President—

3 (A) should, both through the vote of the
4 United States in international financial institu-
5 tions and in the administration of the bilateral
6 assistance programs of the United States, sup-
7 port Mongolia in its efforts to expand economic
8 opportunity through free market structures and
9 policies;

10 (B) should assist Mongolia in its efforts to
11 integrate itself into international economic
12 structures, such as the World Trade Organiza-
13 tion; and

14 (C) should promote efforts to increase
15 commercial investment in Mongolia by United
16 States businesses and should promote policies
17 which will increase economic cooperation and
18 development between the United States and
19 Mongolia.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.