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H. CON. RES. 106

Expressing the regret and apologies of the Congress for the accidental bombing by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the regret and apologies of the Congress for the accidental bombing by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

Whereas on May 7, 1999, air strikes by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Belgrade resulted in two direct hits on the Chinese Embassy;

Whereas the air strikes badly damaged the embassy, and killed three Chinese citizens and injured 26 others;

Whereas the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency issued a statement that the bombs were meant for another building believed to be located at that address, and this tragedy was solely due to a systems failure to produce and verify accurate data; and

Whereas President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and the United States Ambassador to China James Sasser have issued apologies to the Chinese premier, government, citizens, and victims for this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress joins the President and
 3 Secretary of State in—

4 (1) expressing its sincere regret and apologies
 5 for the mistaken and tragic bombing by the North
 6 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) of the Chi-
 7 nese embassy in Belgrade that killed three Chinese
 8 citizens and wounded 26 others; and

9 (2) extending its deepest sympathies and condo-
 10 lences to the Chinese Government, citizens, and fam-
 11 ilies of the bombing's victims.

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