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H. CON. RES. 169

Expressing United States policy toward Romania.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing United States policy toward Romania.

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

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and
6 ratified an important bilateral treaty with the neigh-
7 boring Republic of Hungary that recognizes the bor-
8 ders of those two countries and provides for the pro-
9 tection of the civil liberties of citizens who are mem-
10 bers of national minorities.

11 (2) Romania has negotiated, agreed to, and
12 ratified an important bilateral treaty with neigh-

1 boring Ukraine that recognizes the borders of those
2 two countries.

3 (3) The November 1996 electoral change in the
4 Government of Romania was the first such change
5 under a democratic political system in Romania
6 since 1937.

7 (4) Romania was the first country to join the
8 “Partnership for Peace” program of the North At-
9 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in January
10 1994, has since become an active participant in that
11 program, is a member of NATO’s Euro-Atlantic
12 Partnership Council, and has stated its strong inter-
13 est in admission into NATO and into the European
14 Union.

15 (5) The Government of Romania has worked to
16 ensure civilian control over its armed forces and has
17 begun to implement military reform through force
18 reductions, reorganization of officer ranks, and
19 adoption of NATO-compatible procedures.

20 (6) Romania has provided military personnel
21 for participation in and support of multinational
22 peacekeeping operations.

23 (7) The Government of Romania has stated its
24 continuing support for the mission of NATO in sup-
25 porting democratization and stability across Europe.

1 **SEC. 2. POLICY TOWARD ROMANIA.**

2 It is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) to promote the development in Romania of
4 a market-based economy and a democratic govern-
5 ment that respects the rights of all of its citizens,
6 regardless of ethnic background;

7 (2) to support the territorial integrity of Roma-
8 nia and to insist that the territorial integrity of Ro-
9 mania be respected by all neighboring countries and
10 by all political movements within and outside Roma-
11 nia; and

12 (3) to support the integration of Romania into
13 pan-European and trans-Atlantic economic and secu-
14 rity institutions.

15 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

16 It is the sense of the Congress that—

17 (1) the United States should support efforts by
18 Romania to integrate into pan-European and trans-
19 Atlantic institutions and should view such integra-
20 tion as an important factor in consolidating demo-
21 cratic government in Romania;

22 (2) Romania is to be commended for its work
23 to achieve bilateral treaties with the Republic of
24 Hungary and Ukraine and the Government of Ro-
25 mania should now work expeditiously to negotiate,
26 agree to, and ratify a bilateral treaty with the neigh-

1 boring Republic of Moldova that recognizes the bor-
2 ders of those two countries;

3 (3) the Government of Romania should accel-
4 erate necessary economic reforms, particularly pri-
5 vatization of state-owned enterprises under a fair
6 and transparent process and privatization of the ag-
7 ricultural sector to include privatization of land and
8 of major agri-business enterprises;

9 (4) the Government of Romania should, in a
10 concrete manner, address corrupt and criminal ac-
11 tivities at all levels;

12 (5) the United States should undertake to as-
13 sist Romania to address the costs of disruptions in
14 commerce in southeastern Europe caused by the
15 conflict in neighboring Serbia; and

16 (6) the United States should join other official
17 creditors of Romania in providing Romania with re-
18 lief from such official debt through rescheduling
19 and, where appropriate, forgiveness.

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