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H. CON. RES. 231

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Panama Canal and the Panama Canal Zone should be considered to be the sovereign territory of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Mr. PAUL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Panama Canal and the Panama Canal Zone should be considered to be the sovereign territory of the United States.

Whereas the ratification process and subsequent legality of the 1977 treaty between the United States and the Republic of Panama relating to the transfer of the Panama Canal and the Panama Canal Zone has been called into question;

Whereas the Panama Canal was built with United States money at a cost of approximately \$430 million, and another \$450 million is spent annually on maintenance and operations; and

Whereas more than 5,000 lives were lost during the American
era of construction of the Panama Canal: Now, therefore,
be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3 Panama Canal is and ought to remain U.S. property, and
4 the Panama Canal Zone should be considered to be the
5 sovereign territory of the United States.

