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# H. RES. 268

Calling for equitable sharing of the costs associated with the reconstruction,  
peacekeeping, and United Nations programs in Kosovo.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1999

Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. COX, Mr. EWING, Mr. GREEN  
of Wisconsin, and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted the following resolution; which  
was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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the reconstruction, peacekeeping, and United Nations  
programs in Kosovo.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3       This resolution may be cited as the “Kosovo  
4       Burdensharing Resolution”.

5       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6       The Congress finds the following:

7               (1) The military air operation of the North At-  
8       lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the Federal  
9       Republic of Yugoslavia, which began on March 24,

1 1999, and was officially terminated on June 20,  
2 1999, consisted of some 37,465 sorties by allied air-  
3 craft.

4 (2) Of this total number of sorties, 9,500 were  
5 sorties flown to strike targets in the Federal Repub-  
6 lic of Yugoslavia.

7 (3) The allied air forces totaled approximately  
8 1,051 aircraft, of which 724 were United States air-  
9 craft.

10 (4) United States aircraft flew 53 percent of  
11 the strike sorties during the operation and 66 per-  
12 cent of the total number of sorties.

13 (5) The United States provided 79 percent of  
14 the aircraft utilized for refueling and logistical sup-  
15 port and 68 percent of the total number of aircraft  
16 involved in the operation.

17 (6) The cost to the United States of the oper-  
18 ation during its first start-up week alone was ap-  
19 proximately \$55,700,000.

20 (7) The total cost of the operation to the  
21 United States and to all allied participants is still  
22 being calculated.

23 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

24 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

1           (1) in view of the disproportionately large share  
2           of the costs of the military air operation of the  
3           North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the  
4           Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that were borne by  
5           the United States, the United States should not pay  
6           more than 18 percent of the aggregate total costs  
7           associated with the military air operation, recon-  
8           struction in Kosovo, and, when conditions permit, in  
9           other parts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,  
10          the Kosovo peacekeeping force, and programs of the  
11          United Nations and other international organiza-  
12          tions in Kosovo;

13          (2) in addition to Kosovo, Macedonia and Alba-  
14          nia, because of their extraordinary role and accept-  
15          ance of a large share of the refugee and economic  
16          burdens caused by the conflict in Kosovo, should be  
17          priority recipients for economic, financial, humani-  
18          tarian, and other assistance that may be provided to  
19          the region by the United States and other donors;  
20          and

21          (3) assistance described in paragraph (1)  
22          should not be provided or otherwise made available  
23          to the Government of the Republic of Serbia, the  
24          Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
25          (other than Montenegro), or individuals connected

1       with those governments if either of those govern-  
2       ments remain under the direction, command, or in-  
3       fluence of Slobodan Milosevic, the Socialist Party of  
4       Serbia, or any political party that does not under-  
5       take effective measures to ensure true democratic  
6       government in the Republic of Serbia that will en-  
7       sure equal rights of all Serbia's citizens, regardless  
8       of ethnic background, and reforms intended to cre-  
9       ate a market-based economy.

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