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H. CON. RES. 246

Providing for negotiations to establish a United States Congress-Russian Federation Parliament joint taskforce on antiterrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. KERNS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. REYES, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Providing for negotiations to establish a United States Congress-Russian Federation Parliament joint taskforce on antiterrorism.

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

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS; DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On September 11, 2001, acts of treacherous
6 violence were committed against the United States
7 and its citizens when terrorists hijacked and de-
8 stroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them

1 into the towers of the World Trade Center in New
 2 York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside
 3 Washington, D.C.

4 (2) In the past, similar acts of violence have
 5 been committed against the Russian Federation and
 6 its citizens.

7 (3) Such acts continue to pose an unusual and
 8 extraordinary threat to the national security and for-
 9 eign policy of both the United States and the Rus-
 10 sian Federation.

11 (b) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—Congress—

12 (1) condemns in the strongest possible terms
 13 the terrorists who planned and carried out the Sep-
 14 tember 11, 2001, attacks against the United States,
 15 as well as their sponsors; and

16 (2) reaffirms the importance of joint efforts be-
 17 tween the United States and the Russian Federation
 18 to provide the fullest possible level of cooperation on
 19 antiterrorism activities.

20 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES CONGRESS-RUSSIAN FEDERATION**
 21 **PARLIAMENT JOINT TASKFORCE ON**
 22 **ANTITERRORISM.**

23 (a) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Speaker of the House of
 24 Representatives (in consultation with members of the
 25 Duma Congress Study Group) and the majority leader of

1 the Senate shall seek to enter into negotiations with ap-
2 propriate officials of the State Duma and the Federation
3 Council of the Russian Federation for the establishment
4 of a joint taskforce on antiterrorism.

5 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The joint taskforce shall consist
6 of members of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
7 ate and members of the State Duma and the Federation
8 Council.

9 (c) DUTIES.—The joint taskforce shall provide for in-
10 creased cooperation between the United States Congress
11 and the Russian Federation Parliament on issues relating
12 to antiterrorism.

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