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H. CON. RES. 370

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should promote and support the use of sound science in management decisions made by the International Whaling Commission and remain diligent in their efforts to protect the ability of Native people of the United States, who have been issued quotas by the International Whaling Commission, to continue to legally harvest whales, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2002

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the International Whaling Commission has adopted a moratorium on commercial whaling, effective in 1986, which has been extended pending the development of a revised management scheme;

Whereas the United States was a world leader in establishing the moratorium on commercial whaling to protect and conserve whale populations;

Whereas the United States should promote the use of scientific information in negotiating management measures to maintain the integrity of the International Whaling Commission as the governing international body over whale species;

Whereas many Alaska Natives rely on whales to provide sustenance and to meet their subsistence and cultural needs;

Whereas the International Whaling Commission allocates quotas for the Alaska Native harvest of bowhead whales;

Whereas sound science should guide the decisions of the United States delegation in negotiating positions on resolutions before the International Whaling Commission; and

Whereas the United States needs to support the use of sound science in management measures undertaken by the International Whaling Commission to ensure that all participatory nations remain parties to the Commission and do not undertake whaling activities on their own: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the United States should remain diligent in
4 its efforts to protect the ability of Native people of
5 the United States who have been issued quotas by
6 the International Whaling Commission to continue
7 to legally harvest whales;

1 (2) the President should instruct representa-
2 tives to the United States delegation to the 54th an-
3 nual meeting of the International Whaling Commis-
4 sion to support positions that are based on sound
5 science;

6 (3) the President should instruct the United
7 States delegation to the 54th annual meeting of the
8 International Whaling Commission to support only
9 those resolutions proposing the designation of any
10 new whale sanctuaries that have specific, scientif-
11 ically defensible goals, that have a long-term re-
12 search component to monitor the progress toward
13 meeting the goals of the sanctuary, and that are
14 based on guidelines and criteria developed by the
15 Scientific Committee of the International Whaling
16 Commission; and

17 (4) the United States should support prompt
18 completion by the International Whaling Commis-
19 sion of all outstanding portions of a revised manage-
20 ment scheme.

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