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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Republic of Turkey for its cooperation in the campaign against global terrorism, for its commitment of forces and assistance to Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequent missions in Afghanistan, and for initiating important economic reforms to build a stable and prosperous economy in Turkey.

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Whereas the United States and the Republic of Turkey have long been allies and share a commitment to preserving global peace and stability;

Whereas Turkey has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the war on terrorism;

Whereas Turkey was the first country with a predominantly Muslim population to offer direct military participation in Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas the use of the Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, from which thousands of United States transport planes have taken off since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, has greatly facilitated the campaign in Afghanistan;

Whereas Turkey, the only member nation of NATO with a predominantly Muslim population, has assumed command of the International Security and Assistance Force in Afghanistan;

Whereas Turkey faced financial and currency crises and a recession in 2000 and 2001;

Whereas Turkey's fiscal discipline and actions to restore confidence in the banking system have laid the foundation for sound economic recovery;

Whereas the future growth and prosperity of Turkey depend in large measure on encouraging more foreign investment in Turkey and improving trade relations; and

Whereas the United States is interested in building a broader investment and trading relationship with Turkey: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes the Republic of Turkey for its
4 steadfast commitment to, and cooperation in, the
5 war against terrorism, including—

1 (A) Turkey's immediate condemnation of
2 the terrorist attacks against the United States
3 that occurred on September 11, 2001;

4 (B) Turkey's offers to the United States of
5 troops, the use of air bases, increased force pro-
6 tection for United States military personnel and
7 equipment in Turkey, and diplomatic overflight
8 clearances;

9 (C) Turkey's deployment of hundreds of
10 troops to Afghanistan to participate in the ini-
11 tial phase of the International Security Assist-
12 ance Force; and

13 (D) Turkey's willingness to participate in
14 and lead the International Security Assistance
15 Force in Afghanistan and assist the United
16 States in training the new Afghan security
17 forces; and

18 (2) commends Turkey for implementing eco-
19 nomic reforms, particularly those which increase pri-

- 1 vatization and improve the investment climate in
- 2 Turkey.

Passed the House of Representatives October 16,
2002.

Attest:

Clerk.