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# S. CON. RES. 34

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2001

Referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the end of their illegal incorporation into the Soviet Union.

Whereas the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania were forcibly and illegally incorporated into the Soviet Union from 1940 until 1991;

Whereas their forcible and illegal incorporation into the Soviet Union was never recognized by the United States;

Whereas, from 1940 to 1991, thousands of Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians were executed, imprisoned, or exiled by Soviet authorities through a regime of brutal repression, Sovietization, and Russification in their respective nations;

Whereas, despite the efforts of the Soviet Union to eradicate the memory of independence, the Baltic people never lost their hope for freedom and their long-held dream of full independence;

Whereas, during the period of “glasnost” and “perestroika” in the Soviet Union, the Baltic people led the struggle for democratic reform and national independence; and

Whereas, in the years following the restoration of full independence, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have demonstrated their commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and have actively participated in a wide range of international structures, pursuing further integration with European political, economic, and security organizations: Now, therefore, be it

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

3               (1) congratulates Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the end of their  
4               illegal incorporation into the Soviet Union; and

6               (2) calls on the President to continue to build  
7               the close and mutually beneficial relations the  
8               United States has enjoyed with Estonia, Latvia, and  
9               Lithuania since the restoration of the full independence of those nations.

Passed the Senate July 18, 2001.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,  
*Secretary.*