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# H. CON. RES. 412

Relating to the reunification of Cyprus.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the reunification of Cyprus.

Whereas a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the reunification of Cyprus has been a longstanding policy goal of the United States;

Whereas the United Nations-sponsored “Annan Plan” recently submitted to referenda in Cyprus represented a historic opportunity to reunify Cyprus;

Whereas in separate referenda held on April 24, 2004, 65 percent of Turkish Cypriots voted to support the United Nations-sponsored plan but 75 percent of Greek Cypriots voted to reject the plan; and

Whereas notwithstanding the outcome of the referenda, Greek Cypriots will enter the European Union on May 1, 2004: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) commends United Nations Secretary Gen-  
4       eral Kofi Annan, United Nations Special Advisor on  
5       Cyprus Alvaro De Soto, Secretary of State Colin  
6       Powell, and Ambassador Thomas Weston, the State  
7       Department’s Cyprus Coordinator, for their tireless  
8       and creative efforts on behalf of a solution to the re-  
9       unification of Cyprus;

10          (2) expresses its admiration for the bold and  
11       courageous leadership shown by Prime Minister  
12       Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to help move the United  
13       Nations-sponsored “Annan Plan” forward in a posi-  
14       tive manner;

15          (3) lauds the commitment to peace of Prime  
16       Minister Constantine Karamanlis of Greece who sup-  
17       ported the United Nations-sponsored plan despite  
18       the opposition of the Greek Cypriot leadership;

19          (4) congratulates the Turkish Cypriots for their  
20       historic landslide vote in favor of the United Na-  
21       tions-sponsored plan and requests the Turkish Cyp-  
22       riots not to abandon all hope of a united Cyprus or  
23       eventual membership in the European Union; and

- 1 (5) calls on the United States Government and
- 2 the European Union to take measures to lift the eco-
- 3 nomic and political isolation of the Turkish Cypriots.

