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H. CON. RES. 443

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should formally withdraw its membership from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2004

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MANZULLO, and Mr. KING of Iowa) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should formally withdraw its membership from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Whereas President Ronald Reagan, citing gross financial mismanagement, anti-American bias, and anti-freedom policies, withdrew the United States from membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1984;

Whereas after an absence of nearly two decades, the United States rejoined UNESCO in 2003;

Whereas the United States has only a single vote in UNESCO despite being assessed 25 percent of the

UNESCO budget and having promised to contribute \$60,000,000 upon rejoining the organization;

Whereas UNESCO membership may force unconstitutional restraints on United States freedom of the press;

Whereas UNESCO, through a memorandum of agreement with the Department of State but without congressional consultation or approval, has designated 47 United Nations biosphere preserves in the United States covering more than 70,000,000 acres;

Whereas UNESCO effectively bypasses congressional authority to manage Federal lands by establishing management policies;

Whereas UNESCO membership would undermine United States sovereignty by forcing United States adherence to the United Nations global policy on bioethics;

Whereas UNESCO is providing support for a global “cultural diversity” convention, which would severely impede the ability of the United States entertainment industry to sell its products overseas;

Whereas UNESCO seeks to levy an unconstitutional “global tax” on Internet use on United States citizens; and

Whereas UNESCO has a history of interference in the education policies of its member-countries and has sought to control school curriculum for United States primary and secondary schools, thus further undermining United States sovereignty: Now, therefore, be it:

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

1 (1) the United States should formally withdraw
2 from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and
3 Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and

4 (2) any funds appropriated as of the date of the
5 adoption of this resolution for use towards the con-
6 tribution of the United States to UNESCO, but not
7 yet transferred to UNESCO, should be returned to
8 the Treasury of the United States.

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