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H. RES. 650

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should work within the framework of the United Nations process with Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually acceptable name, for all uses, for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GRIMM, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. MCGOVERN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should work within the framework of the United Nations process with Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually acceptable name, for all uses, for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Whereas on April 8, 1993, the United Nations General Assembly admitted as a member the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, under the name the “former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 817 (1993) states that the international dispute over the name must be resolved to maintain peaceful relations between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and regional stability;

Whereas Greece is a strategic partner and ally of the United States in bringing political stability and economic development to the Balkan region, having invested over \$20 billion in the countries of the region, thereby creating over 200,000 new jobs, and having contributed over \$750 million in development aid for the region;

Whereas Greece has invested over \$1 billion in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, thereby creating more than 20,000 new jobs and having contributed \$110 million in development aid;

Whereas H. Res. 356 of the 110th Congress, urged the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to abstain from hostile activities and stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece regarding “hostile activities or propaganda”;

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s (NATO) heads of state and government unanimously agreed in Bucharest (April 3, 2008) that “. . . within the framework of the UN, many actors have worked hard to resolve the name issue, but the Alliance has noted with regret that these talks have not produced a successful outcome. Therefore we agreed that an invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will be extended as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached. We encourage the negotiations to

be resumed without delay and expect them to be concluded as soon as possible”;

Whereas the heads of state and government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Strasbourg/Kehl (April 4, 2009), as well as the heads of state and government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Lisbon (November 20, 2010), reiterated their unanimous support for the agreement at the Bucharest Summit “to extend an invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached within the framework of the UN, and urge intensified efforts towards that goal.”;

Whereas the government in Skopje in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, through both its policies, activities, and rhetoric over the last few years, has been violating the spirit and the letter of the Interim Agreement (IA) of 1995 between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, thus undermining the friendly relations between the two countries; and

Whereas authorities in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia urged their citizens to boycott Greek investments in the country and not to travel to Greece: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) urges the former Yugoslav Republic of Mac-
- 3 edonia to work within the framework of the United
- 4 Nations process with Greece to achieve longstanding
- 5 United States and United Nations policy goals by

1 finding a mutually acceptable name, for all uses, for
2 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

3 (2) urges the former Yugoslav Republic of Mac-
4 edonia to abstain from all hostile activities and stop
5 violating provisions of the United Nations-brokered
6 Interim Agreement between the former Yugoslav Re-
7 public of Macedonia and Greece regarding “hostile
8 activities or propaganda”; and

9 (3) urges the United States Government to
10 work in partnership with North Atlantic Treaty Or-
11 ganization (NATO) allies to uphold previous NATO
12 Summits decisions, with regard to the enlargement
13 issue and extend an invitation to the former Yugo-
14 slav Republic of Macedonia as soon as a mutually
15 acceptable solution to the name issue has been
16 reached within the framework of the United Nations.

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