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H. CON. RES. 65

Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of Dr. Ibrahim Rugova,
President of the Republic of Kosova.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1993

Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. BONIOR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of Dr.
Ibrahim Rugova, President of the Republic of Kosova.

Whereas the political rights of the Albanian majority in Kosova were curtailed in 1989 when the government in Belgrade illegally amended the Yugoslav federal constitution to revoke the autonomy which Kosova had theretofore enjoyed;

Whereas in September 1990 a referendum on the question of independence for Kosova was held in which 87 percent of those eligible to participate voted, and 99 percent of those voting supported independence for Kosova;

Whereas in May 1992 Dr. Ibrahim Rugova was overwhelmingly elected to be President of the Republic of Kosova;

Whereas in May 1992 a Kosovar national parliament was elected;

Whereas the government in Belgrade has not allowed the new Kosovar government to assemble on Kosovar territory;

Whereas since 1990 thousands of Kosovars of Albanian origin have been dismissed from their jobs solely on the basis of their ethnicity;

Whereas the government in Belgrade has severely restricted the access of ethnic Albanians to all levels of education solely on the basis of their ethnicity;

Whereas the University of Prishtina accepts equal numbers of students from the ethnic Albanian and ethnic Serbian communities despite the fact that ethnic Albanians compose 90 percent of the population of Kosova;

Whereas all forms of the media in Kosova are strictly controlled by the government in Belgrade and dissenting political views are systematically deleted from all forms of the media;

Whereas those expressing political views in opposition are frequently jailed, and tortured while in prison, by the Serbian authorities;

Whereas credible reports of Serbian “ethnic cleansing” in Kosova have been received;

Whereas Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic has called for the transfer of ethnic Albanians from their homes in Kosova to areas outside Kosovar territory and their replacement by Serbs; and

Whereas President Rugova has proposed a Ten Point Plan for Peace which calls for the following: deploying international peacekeeping forces to Kosova immediately; in-

creasing the number of Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe human rights monitors in Kosova; expanding the United Nations “no fly” zone to include Kosova; disarming Serbian paramilitary units in Kosova and placing Serbian heavy weapons under international control; ending Serbian colonization of Kosova; ending the “ethnic cleansing” already underway in Kosova; the reopening of the Prishtina Airport for humanitarian relief flights; freedom for the freely elected Assembly of Kosova to meet; exempting Kosova from international sanctions directed at Serbia; and releasing the \$5,000,000 in humanitarian aid appropriated by the Congress in 1992: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the United States Government should em-
 4 ploy all means necessary to ensure that the govern-
 5 ment in Belgrade discontinues and does not escalate
 6 its policy of “ethnic cleansing” in Kosova;

7 (2) the continued repression by the government
 8 in Belgrade of citizens of Kosova must be halted
 9 immediately;

10 (3) all individuals in Kosova whose employment
 11 was terminated on the basis of their ethnicity should
 12 be reinstated to their previous positions immediately;

13 (4) the educational system in Kosova should be
 14 reopened to all residents of Kosova regardless of eth-
 15 nic origin, and the majority ethnic Albanian popu-

1 lation should be allowed to be educated in their
2 native tongue; and

3 (5) President Rugova's Ten Point Plan for
4 Peace should be fully implemented.

