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H. RES. 271

Urging the President to initiate the immediate orderly withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Somalia, to ensure the safe return of all members of the Armed Forces being held prisoner by Somali warlords, and to recover the remains of members of the Armed Forces killed in Somalia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 1993

Mr. WELDON (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. MICA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Urging the President to initiate the immediate orderly withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Somalia, to ensure the safe return of all members of the Armed Forces being held prisoner by Somali warlords, and to recover the remains of members of the Armed Forces killed in Somalia.

Whereas United States Armed Forces were sent to Somalia under Operation Restore Hope in December 1992 to establish a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations;

Whereas 28,000 members of the Armed Forces contributed to this successful effort which enabled the delivery of food to Somalians and halted mass starvation;

Whereas the stated intention of the United States Government was to achieve these objectives and promptly hand over operations to a United Nations peacekeeping force, and the Commander in Chief of the United States Central Command stated that this mission had been achieved in March 1993;

Whereas United States allies, including France, Canada, Greece, Norway, New Zealand, Sweden, and Turkey, have withdrawn or are in the process of withdrawing forces from United Nations operations in Somalia;

Whereas the United States has incurred over \$1,500,000,000 in costs associated with Operation Restore Hope and support for continued United Nations operations in Somalia;

Whereas as of October 5, 1993, 23 members of the Armed Forces have lost their lives and over 150 have been wounded in Somalia;

Whereas United States citizens have witnessed the brutal treatment of United States prisoners in Somalia; and

Whereas the United States Government's commitment in Somalia is open-ended and its military mission vague, and United States Armed Forces are needlessly being placed at risk when the United States no longer has a vital interest in the outcome of the civil war in Somalia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the President should use all necessary
3 resources—

4 (1) to secure the immediate, safe return of
5 those members of the United States Armed Forces
6 being held prisoner by Somalia warloads;

1 (2) to recover the remains of the members of
2 the Armed Forces killed in Somalia; and

3 (3) to begin immediately the orderly withdrawal
4 of United States Armed Forces from Somalia.

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