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Congratulating the people of Germany and the citizens of Berlin on the occasion of the withdrawal of United States troops from Berlin, and reaffirming United States-Berlin friendship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Germany and the citizens of Berlin on the occasion of the withdrawal of United States troops from Berlin, and reaffirming United States-Berlin friendship.

Whereas the people of the United States and Germany have enjoyed warm and amicable relations for 5 decades;

Whereas throughout the Cold War the existence of a free and democratic West Berlin served as a symbol of Western resolve in the face of totalitarian aggression;

Whereas the armed forces of the United States have maintained a continuous presence in defense of the city of Berlin for 49 years;

Whereas, in 1948 and 1949, the United States came to the assistance of the people of Berlin during the 462 days of the Berlin airlift;

Whereas, following the construction of the Berlin wall, the armed forces of the United States stationed in Berlin demonstrated the American resolve to participate in the defense of Western Europe;

Whereas the United States takes pride in having admirably fulfilled its administrative responsibilities over its sector in the city of Berlin;

Whereas the citizens of Berlin have reciprocated the United States' commitment by demonstrating warm and genuine hospitality and a willingness to integrate the American community deeply into the life of the city;

Whereas the American people shared the joy of the German people at the collapse of the Berlin wall and German unification;

Whereas the termination of the Warsaw Pact and the subsequent unification of Germany reduced the strategic requirement for a continued United States military presence in Berlin;

Whereas the United States Berlin Brigade, together with French and British contingents stationed in Berlin, are now preparing for their departure from Berlin; and

Whereas the history of friendly relations and longstanding commercial and cultural bonds between the people of Berlin and the United States form a sound basis for continued warm and positive relations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) congratulates the people of Germany on the
2 unification of the Nation and the city of Berlin as
3 it prepares to resume its position as the seat of gov-
4 ernment of united Germany;

5 (2) congratulates the armed forces of the
6 United States, civilian administrators, and the
7 American people for 5 decades of sacrifice and
8 steadfast support for the city of Berlin;

9 (3) recognizes and salutes the contribution of
10 British and French allies in the defense of Berlin;

11 (4) reaffirms the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
12 zation obligations of the United States and Ameri-
13 ca's continued support for a free, democratic, and
14 united Germany; and

15 (5) welcomes the further enrichment of the re-
16 lationship between the United States and the city of
17 Berlin based on an approach fostering new tradi-
18 tions in economic and cultural links.

