

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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**H. CON. RES. 51**

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Expressing the sense of the Congress concerning economic development, environmental improvement, and stability in the Baltic region.

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1 Whereas from 1945 to the early 1990's Kaliningrad was  
2 a Russian military outpost consisting of as many as  
3 200,000 Russian military personnel concentrated in  
4 an area of 15,000 square kilometers and Kaliningrad  
5 has suffered substantial environmental damage as a  
6 result of this military presence;

1 Whereas since this time the number of Russian military  
2 personnel in Kaliningrad has declined significantly, al-  
3 though the number of such personnel in the region  
4 is still substantial;

5 Whereas polls conducted by the Kaliningrad Sociological  
6 Center have shown that over 60 percent of the  
7 Kaliningrad public favors development of Kaliningrad  
8 as an economic bridge between Europe and Russia;

9 Whereas establishment of Kaliningrad as a free economic  
10 zone by the Russian Government in 1994 represents  
11 a positive step toward Kaliningrad’s integration into  
12 the Baltic and European economies and toward giving  
13 Kaliningrad an opportunity to flourish economically  
14 and to contribute substantially to the well-being of the  
15 Baltic region; and

16 Whereas Russian economic analysts at the Russian For-  
17 eign Policy Foundation have noted that militarization  
18 of Kaliningrad “corresponded neither to the needs of  
19 the population of the region itself, nor to the neces-  
20 sities of its economic development”: Now, therefore,  
21 be it

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

24 (1) Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia have the  
25 right to self-determination which extends to the con-

1 duct of their foreign policy regarding membership in  
2 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

3 (2) development of the Kaliningrad region as a  
4 free trade zone will help ensure the freedom and fu-  
5 ture prosperity and stability of the Baltic region;  
6 and

7 (3) continued military reductions in and envi-  
8 ronmental restoration of the Kaliningrad region will  
9 greatly facilitate economic development and prosper-  
10 ity in Kaliningrad.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,  
1996.

Attest:

*Clerk.*