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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

- 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.

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Attest:

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Clerk.