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Supporting the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that war criminals from the conflict among republics of the former Yugoslavia should be brought to justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the world community should not tolerate crimes against humanity or any other serious violations of international humanitarian law;

Whereas war criminals who were responsible for the most horrendous crimes against humanity that the world has ever witnessed were brought to justice with trials in Nuremberg, Germany;

Whereas the world community has recently witnessed genocide, systematic mass killings, ethnic cleansing, concentration camps, forced movement of people, violations of the laws or customs of war, and many other crimes against humanity;

Whereas there is no place in the world community for persons who perpetrate, order, or condone crimes against humanity, or provide refuge for persons who commit crimes against humanity;

Whereas swift and effective justice is the only acceptable action for, and the most effective deterrent against, the recurrence of crimes against humanity; and

Whereas justice is the only foundation for a lasting peace:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the perpetrators of crimes against humanity
4 and violations of the laws or customs of war in the
5 conflict among republics of the former Yugoslavia
6 and persons in positions of authority in the republics
7 of the former Yugoslavia who are responsible for
8 crimes against humanity should be condemned;

9 (2) persons who are indicted by the Inter-
10 national Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugo-
11 slavia should not occupy positions of authority in
12 any government or entity in the republics of the
13 former Yugoslavia;

1 (3) the United States should insist upon the
2 full cooperation of the republics of the former Yugo-
3 slavia in bringing indicted individuals to justice;

4 (4) future support for the reintegration of the
5 republics of the former Yugoslavia into the inter-
6 national community should be dependent on their
7 full cooperation and support of the International
8 Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia;

9 (5) investigators for the International Criminal
10 Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia should be given
11 full access to all sites, witnesses, and evidence of al-
12 leged and suspected war crimes; and

13 (6) the United States should oppose amnesty
14 for any indicted war criminals from the conflict
15 among republics of the former Yugoslavia.

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