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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States and the United Nations should support the election of a woman for Secretary General of the United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SCHROEDER (for herself and Mrs. MALONEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States and the United Nations should support the election of a woman for Secretary General of the United Nations.

Whereas, in 1996, only 35.1 percent of the staff of the Secretary General of the United Nations were women;

Whereas, in 1996, only 2 of the 36 Under Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries General of the United Nations were women;

Whereas, in 1996, the Secretary General of the United Nations did not attend the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women;

Whereas the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women found that "the United Nations is continuing to

deny itself the benefits of women's leadership by their underrepresentation at decision-making levels within the Secretariat and the specialized agencies" of the United Nations;

Whereas the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women urged the Secretary General to develop mechanisms to nominate women candidates for appointment to senior positions in the United Nations, the specialized agencies, and other organizations within the United Nations;

Whereas the position of Secretary General is the most senior position in the United Nations;

Whereas there are women who are qualified to serve as Secretary General of the United Nations; and

Whereas, as a permanent member of the United Nations, the United States has the opportunity to approve candidates for Secretary General of the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the United Nations and the United States
4 should work with international organizations and
5 foreign governments to identify qualified women can-
6 didates for Secretary General of the United Nations;
7 and

8 (2) in accordance with the "platform for ac-
9 tion" of the United Nations' Fourth World Con-

1 ference on Women, the United Nations and the
2 United States should support—

3 (A) the nomination and appointment of quali-
4 fied women to senior positions in the United Na-
5 tions, the specialized agencies, and other organiza-
6 tions within the United Nations; and

7 (B) the nomination and election of qualified
8 women for Secretary General of the United Nations.

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