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Referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas there was international concern expressed at the Rio Conference of 1992 about conservation of the seas;

Whereas 1998 has been declared the “International Year of the Ocean” by the United Nations in an effort to alert the world to the need for improving the physical and cultural assets offered by the world’s oceans;

Whereas the theme of Expo ’98 is “The Oceans, a Heritage for the Future”;

Whereas Expo ’98 has a fundamental aim of alerting political, economic, and public opinion to the growing importance of the world’s oceans;

Whereas Portugal has established a vast network of relationships through ocean exploration;

Whereas Portugal’s history is rich with examples of the courage and exploits of Portuguese explorers;

Whereas Portugal and the United States have a relationship based on mutual respect, and a sharing of interests and ideals, particularly the deeply held commitment to democratic values;

Whereas today over 2,000,000 Americans can trace their ancestry to Portugal; and

Whereas the United States and Portugal agreed in the 1995 Agreement on Cooperation and Defense that in 1998 the 2 countries would consider and develop appropriate means of commemorating the upcoming quincentennial anniversary of the historic voyage of discovery by Vasco da Gama: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),* That the United States should fully partici-
3 pate in Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal, and encourage the
4 private sector to support this worthwhile undertaking.

Passed the Senate September 5, 1995.

Attest: KELLY D. JOHNSTON,
Secretary.