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H. CON. RES. 100

Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations resolutions relating to Cyprus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PORTER, Mr. KLINK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations resolutions relating to Cyprus, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Republic of Cyprus was invaded by Turkey in 1974 and has since then remained forcibly divided and occupied by foreign forces in violation of several United Nations resolutions;

Whereas the international community and the United States Government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus;

Whereas the House of Representatives has endorsed the objective of the total demilitarization of Cyprus;

Whereas a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey;

Whereas a lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would also strengthen peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and serve important interests of the United States;

Whereas the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently, in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1218, adopted on December 22, 1998, with the support of the United States;

Whereas Resolution 1217 reaffirms “that a Cyprus settlement must be based on a State of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international personality and a single citizenship with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded and comprised of two politically equal communities as described in the relevant Security Council resolutions, a bicomunal and bizonal federation”;

Whereas Resolution 1218 requests the United Nations Secretary General to work intensively with the two sides for “the achievement of substantive progress on the core aspects of a comprehensive Cyprus settlement” and for the reduction of tensions “through a staged process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and armaments on Cyprus;

Whereas President Clinton expressed wholehearted United States support for Security Council Resolution 1218 and pledged United States commitment for taking all nec-

essary steps to support a sustained effort to implement it;

Whereas on December 29, 1998, President Glafcos Clerides of Cyprus made a unilateral decision not to import or deploy the S-300 antiaircraft missile system in Cyprus, thereby demonstrating Cyprus' commitment to comply with the most recent United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash rejected these most recent United Nations resolutions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) commends President Glafcos Clerides of
4 Cyprus for his decision to cancel the deployment of
5 the S-300 antiaircraft missiles in Cyprus; and

6 (2) urges the President of the United States to
7 use the influence of the United States Government
8 to persuade Turkey to comply with United Nations
9 Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1218 and to
10 cooperate for a solution to the Cyprus problem.

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