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Commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief.

Whereas Greece and Turkey, two longstanding allies of the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partners, have each recently suffered devastating earthquakes;

Whereas Greece and Turkey have unresolved issues that have led to tensions in the past;

Whereas Greece and Turkey, in an unprecedented fashion, were the first to respond to these tragedies by providing their neighboring country with humanitarian assistance

and rescue relief that ultimately reduced the number of casualties;

Whereas Greece and Turkey were successful in putting aside their differences in order to respond swiftly to these crises; and

Whereas Greece and Turkey have held successful talks to begin to resolve their issues of disagreement: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends Greece and Turkey for their mu-
4 tual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in
5 both countries by providing to each other humani-
6 tarian assistance and rescue relief;

7 (2) encourages the United States to continue its
8 efforts in aiding both countries as they seek to re-
9 build after these tragedies;

10 (3) recognizes the renewed spirit of cooperation
11 and the importance of the talks between Greece and
12 Turkey; and

13 (4) encourages Greece and Turkey to persevere
14 in resolving outstanding issues between the two
15 countries.

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