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H. CON. RES. 251

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JUNE 12, 2000

Reported by Mr. HELMS, with an amendment and an amendment to the
preamble[Omit the part struck through, strike out all after the resolving clause, and insert the part
printed in *italic*]

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONCommending the Republic of Croatia for the conduct of
its parliamentary and presidential elections.

Whereas the fourth Croatian parliamentary elections, held on
January 3, 2000, marked Croatia's progress toward
meeting its commitments as a participating state of the
Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe
(OSCE) and as a member of the Council of Europe;

Whereas Croatia's third presidential elections were conducted
smoothly and professionally and concluded on February
7, 2000, with the ~~landslide~~ election of Stipe Mesic as the
new President of the Republic of Croatia;

Whereas the free and fair elections in Croatia, and the following peaceful and orderly transfer of power from the old government to the new, is an example of democracy to the people of other nations in the region and a major contribution to the democratic development of southeastern Europe; and

Whereas the people of Croatia have made clear that they want Croatia to take its rightful place in the family of European democracies and to develop a closer and more constructive relationship with the Euro-Atlantic community of democratic nations: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the people of the Republic of Croatia are to
4 be congratulated on the successful elections and the
5 outgoing Government of Croatia is to be commended
6 for the democratic standards with which it managed
7 the elections;

8 (2) the United States should support the efforts
9 of the new Government of Croatia to increase its
10 work on refugee return, privatization reform, media
11 reform, and further cooperation with the Inter-
12 national Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia
13 (ICTY) to set an example to other countries in the
14 region;

15 (3) the Congress strongly supports Croatia's
16 commitment to western democratic standards and

1 will give its full support to the new Government of
 2 Croatia to fully implement democratic reforms; and

3 ~~(4) the United States continues to promote~~
 4 ~~Croatian-American economic, political, and military~~
 5 ~~relations and recognizes Croatia as a loyal partner~~
 6 ~~in south central Europe.~~

7 ~~(5) taking into consideration Croatia's contribu-~~
 8 ~~tions as a committed partner in the region, the Con-~~
 9 ~~gress recommends establishing strategic partnership~~
 10 ~~with the Republic of Croatia and supports its mem-~~
 11 ~~bership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's~~
 12 ~~Partnership for Peace program and its accession~~
 13 ~~into the World Trade Organization.~~

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