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H. CON. RES. 258

Congratulating the Republic of Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself and Mr. KUCINICH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Republic of Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

Whereas the United States had never recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the declaration on March 11, 1990, of the reestablishment of full sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Lithuania led to the disintegration of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas Lithuania since then has successfully built democracy, ensured human and minority rights, the rule of law, developed a free market economy, implemented exemplary relations with neighboring countries, and consistently

pursued a course of integration into the community of free and democratic nations by seeking membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

Whereas Lithuania, as a result of the progress of its political and economic reforms, has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution toward the maintenance of international peace and stability by, among other actions, its participation in NATO-led peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates Lithuania on the occasion of
4 the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its
5 independence and the leading role it played in the
6 disintegration of the former Soviet Union; and

7 (2) commends Lithuania for its success in im-
8 plementing political and economic reforms, which
9 further speed the process of that country's integra-
10 tion into European and Western institutions.

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