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H. CON. RES. 319

Congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2000

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th 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 May 4, 1990, of the reestablishment of full sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Latvia furthered the disintegration of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas Latvia since then has successfully built democracy, passed legislation on human and minority rights that conform to European and international norms, ensured the rule of law, developed a free market economy, and

consistently pursued a course of integration into the community of free and democratic nations by seeking membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

Whereas Latvia, 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 the Congress—

3 (1) congratulates Latvia on the occasion of the
 4 10th anniversary of the reestablishment of its inde-
 5 pendence and the role it played in the disintegration
 6 of the former Soviet Union; and

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

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