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Concerning the establishment of a permanent United Nations security force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYNN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the establishment of a permanent United Nations security force.

Whereas since 1948, the United Nations has established 53 peacekeeping operations, 15 of which are ongoing;

Whereas on May 3, 1994, President Clinton issued a presidential decision directive (PDD 25), stating that properly conceived and well-executed peacekeeping operations can be a useful element in serving America's interests and that the primary objective of the United States Armed Forces is to be prepared to fight and win 2 simultaneous regional conflicts;

Whereas international peacekeeping operations can be a useful tool to help prevent and resolve regional conflicts before they pose a direct threat to United States national security;

Whereas international peacekeeping operations can also serve the interests of the United States by promoting democracy, regional security, and economic growth;

Whereas on February 23, 1999, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan stated, “It is sadly clear that the need for United Nations peacekeeping will continue and, indeed, will probably grow. And it is very much in America’s national interest to support an international response to conflicts, even those which seem remote, because, in today’s interconnected world, they seldom remain confined in one country or even one region. Take Rwanda, for example. The failure of the international community to respond effectively led not only to genocide in Rwanda itself, but also to the exodus of refugees and combatants across the borders. Because we failed to act in time, 7 countries are now fighting each other in a mineral-rich region which should have been a prime area for investment and development. Is this something the United States can afford to ignore?”;

Whereas, in Cambodia, United Nations efforts led to an election protected by peacekeepers, the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees, and the end of a destabilizing regional conflict;

Whereas, in El Salvador, the United Nations sponsored elections and helped to end a long and bitter civil war;

Whereas the United Nations supervision of Namibia’s transition to independence removed a potential source of conflict in strategic southern Africa and promoted democracy;

Whereas the United Nations operations in Cyprus have prevented the outbreak of war between 2 NATO allies;

Whereas peacekeeping operations on the Golan Heights have helped preserve peace between Israel and Syria; and

Whereas international peacekeeping operations have proven invaluable over the years in deterring conflict and war throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress urges the United Nations
3 to establish a permanent standing United Nations security
4 force as follows:

5 (1) The United Nations security force shall be
6 composed of not more than 15,000 volunteers from
7 United Nations member countries who are recruited,
8 trained, employed, and compensated directly by the
9 United Nations.

10 (2) The United Nations security force will be
11 trained and equipped specifically for rapid deploy-
12 ment in international peacekeeping operations con-
13 ducted under chapter VII of the United Nations
14 Charter. Rapid deployment of such force means the
15 capacity to deploy to an affected region with 21 days
16 of the enactment of a United Nations Security
17 Council resolution authorizing deployment. The max-
18 imum period of deployment of the United Nations
19 security force shall be 6 months. After such period,
20 international peacekeeping operations shall be con-

1 ducted by forces of the member countries of the
2 United Nations.

3 (3) The United Nations security force may be
4 deployed only under the authority of a resolution of
5 the United Nations Security Council. The com-
6 mander in chief of the United Nations security force
7 shall be the Secretary General of the United Na-
8 tions.

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