

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 431

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should oppose a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for the Government of Japan until Japan's whaling activities comply with the requirements of the International Whaling Commission and Japan ends the commercialization of whale meat.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2000

Mr. DELAHUNT (for himself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. CARSON, Ms. LEE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WU, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

---

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should oppose a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for the Government of Japan until Japan's whaling activities comply with the requirements of the International Whaling Commission and Japan ends the commercialization of whale meat.

Whereas the United States fully supported the adoption by the International Whaling Commission of an indefinite moratorium on commercial whaling which became effective in 1986;

Whereas the United States fully supported the adoption by the International Whaling Commission of resolutions designed to establish criteria for reviewing proposals to take whales under scientific research permits during the commercial whaling moratorium;

Whereas the United States has supported all resolutions adopted by the International Whaling Commission requesting nations engaged in “research” whaling that fails to meet the criteria established by the Commission to refrain from carrying out such whaling activities;

Whereas the International Whaling Commission has adopted numerous resolutions requesting Japan to cease its research whaling activities because that activity does not meet the criteria established by the Commission;

Whereas in spite of these resolutions and in defiance of the International Whaling Commission’s guidelines for scientific research, Japan has killed almost 5,000 whales in the last 12 years and sold the whale meat for profit;

Whereas the Government of Japan this year expanded its whaling program to include 540 minke whales, 50 endangered Byrd’s whales, and 10 sperm whales; and

Whereas the International Whaling Commission adopted a resolution strongly criticizing this expanded whaling program as not scientifically justifiable: Now, therefore, be it

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

3                (1) Japan’s continued defiance of the Inter-  
 4                national Whaling Commission’s requests to halt its  
 5                scientific whaling program undermines international

1 efforts to conserve and protect the world's whale  
2 populations;

3 (2) such behavior calls into question the credi-  
4 bility and reliability of commitments made by the  
5 Government of Japan to international organizations;  
6 and

7 (3) the President should not support Japan's  
8 appointment to a permanent seat on the United Na-  
9 tions Security Council until Japan stops whaling and  
10 complies with the requirements of the International  
11 Whaling Commission.

○