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S. CON. RES. 119

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON,
Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following concurrent
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending 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 fol-
lowing 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 south-eastern 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 the 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 democracy and will give its full sup-
17 port to the efforts of the new Government of Croatia
18 to fully implement democratic reforms;

1 (4) the United States should continue to pro-
2 mote Croatian-American economic, political, and
3 military relations and to recognize Croatia as a loyal
4 partner in south central Europe; and

5 (5) taking into consideration Croatia's contribu-
6 tions as a committed partner in the region, the Con-
7 gress recommends establishing a strategic partner-
8 ship with the Republic of Croatia and supports the
9 serious consideration of Croatia's candidacy for
10 membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
11 tion's Partnership for Peace program and its can-
12 didacy for accession into the World Trade Organiza-
13 tion.

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