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Congratulating Ukraine on the tenth anniversary of re-establishment of its independence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating Ukraine on the tenth anniversary of re-establishment of its independence.

Whereas the proclamation on August 24, 1991 of the independence of Ukraine led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union;

Whereas Ukraine and the United States, proceeding from their shared commitment to democratic values, have expressed their determination to build broad and durable relations in the 1994 Charter for Ukrainian-American Partnership, Friendship and Cooperation and Ukraine is a country that maintains a distinctive partnership with NATO since 1997;

Whereas on June 28, 1996, Ukraine's Parliament voted to adopt the democratic Constitution and Ukraine has con-

ducted its presidential and parliamentary elections according to it, moving further away from the former communist model of one-party totalitarian rule; and

Whereas Ukraine since its independence has successfully transferred from a colony of the Soviet empire into a viable, peaceful state, which established exemplary relations with all, neighboring countries and consistently pursues a course of European integration with a commitment to ensuring democracy and prosperity for its citizens: 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) as a leader of the democratic nations of the
4 world, the United States commends and congratulates
5 the people of Ukraine on the tenth anniversary
6 of Ukrainian independence;

7 (2) the President and Parliament of Ukraine
8 should continue their efforts to maintain the balance
9 of powers between the executive and legislative
10 branches of government and ensure that their co-
11 operation is aimed at furthering democratic reforms
12 and strengthening civil society based on the rule of
13 law; and

14 (3) the United States should continue to assist
15 in building a truly independent Ukraine through en-
16 couraging and supporting democratic and market-
17 economy transformations in Ukraine, keeping the

- 1 doors of European and Trans-Atlantic institutions
- 2 open to this nation.

