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H. RES. 555

Recognizing the continued importance of the trans-Atlantic relationship, promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe, and congratulating the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman for his efforts to promote a strong trans-Atlantic dialogue.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continued importance of the trans-Atlantic relationship, promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe, and congratulating the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman for his efforts to promote a strong trans-Atlantic dialogue.

Whereas the United States and the European community are mindful of their common heritage and of their close historical, political, economic, and cultural ties;

Whereas relations between the United States and the European community have been guided by faith in the values of human dignity, intellectual freedom, and civil liberties,

and in the democratic institutions which have evolved on both sides of the Atlantic over the centuries;

Whereas for the past 50 years trans-Atlantic solidarity and partnership has been essential for the preservation of peace and freedom and for the development of free and prosperous economies as well as for developments which have helped restore unity in Europe;

Whereas the United States and the European community have long worked together to strengthen security, economic cooperation, and human rights within the trans-Atlantic partnership;

Whereas the United States and the European community are aware of their shared responsibility, not only to further common interests but also to face transnational challenges affecting the well-being of all, including combating and preventing terrorism, cooperating in the fight against international crime, including the production and trafficking of illegal narcotics, and addressing the proliferation of nuclear armaments, chemical and biological weapons, and missile technology;

Whereas the peace and prosperity enjoyed by both the United States and the European community over the past 50 years has been based on a system of cooperation, communication, negotiation, and dialogue;

Whereas to continue to achieve common goals which will continue to ensure peace and prosperity between the United States, the European community and the world in general, the pattern of cooperation which has guided the relationship for the past 50 years, requires a renewed commitment to strengthen the partnership through communication, consultation, and information;

Whereas Congress has played a constructive role in this cooperative approach to partnership with the European community through mechanisms such as the Transatlantic Legislator's Dialogue, which for more than 20 years has brought together legislators of both the United States and the European community for discussions of issues of common interest;

Whereas since 1995 the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman has served ably as the United States Chairman of the Legislator's Dialogue and has worked tirelessly to increase the level of the dialogue in order to further transatlantic understanding and partnership at the parliamentary level; and

Whereas the Honorable Benjamin Gilman will end his long and distinguished career at the end of the 107th Congress: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That that the House of Representatives—

2 (1) affirms the conviction of the United States
3 that, despite recognized differences and difficulties,
4 the underlying ties which bind the people of the
5 United States and of Europe are as strong today as
6 they have been for the past 50 years;

7 (2) accepts the indivisibility of transatlantic se-
8 curity which provides the indispensable link between
9 North America and Europe;

10 (3) recognizes that both the United States and
11 Europe face new challenges at home and abroad and
12 to deal with these challenges effectively the United

1 States and Europe strengthen and adapt the trans-
2 atlantic partnership which has served both so well;

3 (4) acknowledges that in order to strengthen
4 the transatlantic partnership there must be a re-
5 newed commitment to regular and intensive con-
6 sultations between the Governments of the United
7 States and those of the European Community;

8 (5) commits itself to help improve the trans-
9 atlantic partnership by enhancing the dialogue be-
10 tween the European Parliament and the United
11 States Congress through the framework of the
12 Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue; and

13 (6) commends the Honorable Benjamin A. Gil-
14 man for his distinguished career in Congress and for
15 his commitment and dedication to furthering the
16 transatlantic friendship and partnership through
17 dialogue and consultation.

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