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# S. RES. 115

Encouraging a lasting cease-fire in Macedonia, commending the parties for seeking a political solution, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Encouraging a lasting cease-fire in Macedonia, commending the parties for seeking a political solution, and for other purposes.

Whereas the political, economic, and social situation in Macedonia has steadily deteriorated since February 2001;

Whereas ongoing fighting between the National Liberation Army and the Government of Macedonia presents a clear and present danger to the viability of Macedonia;

Whereas a Macedonian civil war exacerbates tensions in the region and could trigger additional incidents of violence in the Balkans;

Whereas the ongoing fighting has displaced at least 18,000 people inside Macedonia, and forced another 40,000 people to flee into neighboring countries;

Whereas political parties in Macedonia are negotiating a political solution to the current crisis;

Whereas a cease-fire and dialogue between the parties are essential to preventing full scale inter-ethnic warfare in Macedonia; and

Whereas a unified and independent Macedonia is in United States national security interests: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) encourages a lasting cease-fire, and calls  
3       upon the Government of Macedonia to ensure the  
4       protection of the lives and property of all citizens of  
5       Macedonia;

6               (2) commends the political parties in Macedonia  
7       for seeking a political solution to the current crisis,  
8       and encourages a continued commitment to dialogue  
9       by those parties;

10              (3) calls upon the Government of Macedonia to  
11       address the concerns of all citizens of Macedonia in  
12       a fair and equitable manner;

13              (4) recognizes that the United States and other  
14       countries must assume a more pro-active role in aiding  
15       the Government of Macedonia and the political  
16       parties in Macedonia to secure and maintain a lasting  
17       solution to the conflict; and

18              (5) pledges its support for additional United  
19       States assistance for programs and activities that

- 1 contribute to reconstruction in Macedonia and a res-
- 2 olution of inter-ethnic tensions in that country.

