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S. RES. 237

Welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 1, 2003

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2003

Reported by Mr. LUGAR, without amendment

DECEMBER 9, 2003

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation.

Whereas the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia each issued on September 10, 2003, a public statement of apology for the crimes committed by citizens of each country against citizens of the other country; and

Whereas the countries of Southeast Europe are struggling to move beyond the problems of the past and toward a brighter future that includes membership in both the European Union and NATO: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) welcomes the public apologies issued on
3 September 10, 2003, by the President of Serbia and
4 Montenegro and the President of the Republic of
5 Croatia;

6 (2) commends the initiative and personal cour-
7 age demonstrated by their actions;

8 (3) recognizes the value of such apologies in the
9 important process of reconciliation in Southeast Eu-
10 rope;

11 (4) notes public support within the region for
12 these efforts;

13 (5) calls upon the governments in the region to
14 continue their efforts to encourage and advance rec-
15 onciliation; and

16 (6) reiterates the importance of resolving post-
17 conflict issues, including—

18 (A) by ensuring that refugees and inter-
19 nally displaced persons have the right to return
20 home; and

21 (B) by bringing persons indicted for war
22 crimes to justice, including through cooperation

1 with the International Criminal Tribunal on the
2 Former Yugoslavia.

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