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H. RES. 724

Recognizing the historical links and friendship between Scotland and the United States and respectfully supporting a truly democratic process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. MCINTYRE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the historical links and friendship between Scotland and the United States and respectfully supporting a truly democratic process.

Whereas the links between the people of the United States and the people of Scotland includes three centuries of lineage, cultural, political, military, and economic relations;

Whereas Scotland has directly influenced the foundation of United States democracy, individual freedom, self-representation, and to this day this legacy continues;

Whereas Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, embodied these Scottish Values and translated them into the United States Declaration of Independence, reaffirming that millions of people in the United States have Scottish roots and identify with their Scottish ancestry, and Scot-

tish people and culture have had a profound effect on the United States throughout its history;

Whereas under the devolution settlement, Scotland has achieved a degree of self-governance, but not full self determination;

Whereas in accordance with an agreement between the Governments of Scotland and the United Kingdom, a referendum will be held in Scotland on September 18, 2014, on whether Scotland should be an independent country; and

Whereas, on June 5, 2014, President Barack Obama stated that the decision on independence is “up to the people of Scotland”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) believes that the future of Scotland can only
3 be determined by the People of Scotland on Sep-
4 tember 18, 2014;

5 (2) expresses support of the manner in which
6 the independence debate is being conducted in a
7 peaceful, inclusive, and democratic way, and com-
8 mends it as an example to the rest of the world;

9 (3) expresses deep friendship toward the Scot-
10 tish people; and

11 (4) believes that a strong and prosperous Scot-
12 land is important for United States national prior-
13 ities.

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