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Recognizing the Republic of Moldova's 30th anniversary of independence and expressing support for the Republic of Moldova's demonstrated commitment to advancing democracy, strengthening civil society, and European integration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Republic of Moldova's 30th anniversary of independence and expressing support for the Republic of Moldova's demonstrated commitment to advancing democracy, strengthening civil society, and European integration.

Whereas the United States has encouraged and continues to support the Republic of Moldova's independence, sovereignty, and movement toward democracy;

Whereas the United States Agency for International Development and United States Government assistance programs have supported the Republic of Moldova's democratic aspirations and economic growth since 1992;

Whereas a joint observation mission from the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and European Parliament (EP) determined the Moldovan parliamentary elections held on July 11, 2021, were “competitive and well run” while noting some shortcomings and inadequacies that must be addressed;

Whereas the Party of Action and Solidarity has pledged and begun to implement an anti-corruption campaign that includes reforms to the judicial system, campaign finance, justice, and recovery of assets misappropriated by Moldovan officials, and the simplification of the regulatory framework for business;

Whereas the Republic of Moldova has shown a strong commitment to forging closer ties to the European Union and further integration with European institutions and the European community through the EU-Moldova Association Agreement which includes a free-trade agreement;

Whereas military forces and equipment from Russia have remained in the Transnistrian region of Moldova since Moldova declared independence in 1991;

Whereas it is the longstanding policy of the United States to not recognize territorial changes that are the result of illegal uses of force;

Whereas the United States condemns the illegal presence of Russian military forces in the Transnistrian region of Moldova; and

Whereas the United States has supported the 5+2 negotiations to establish a comprehensive settlement to determine a special status for the Transnistrian region within

a territorially whole and sovereign Moldova: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) lauds the strengthening of civil society, de-
3 mocracy, and democratic institutions in the Republic
4 of Moldova and encourages the people of Moldova
5 and elected representatives to continue to enhance
6 their democracy, strengthen the rule of law, and
7 fight corruption;

8 (2) expresses strong support of Moldova’s goal
9 of integration with the Western, democratic commu-
10 nity;

11 (3) supports the Moldovan people and govern-
12 ment in their desire to rid the country of corruption
13 and oligarchic control;

14 (4) welcomes the mandate given to proreform
15 forces by the Moldovan people during the recent
16 July 2021 parliamentary elections and the Novem-
17 ber 2020 Presidential election;

18 (5) supports the Moldovan people’s aspirations
19 for deepening the relationship between the European
20 Union and the Republic of Moldova and developing
21 stronger connections to the United States trans-
22 atlantic partners;

23 (6) finds that it is in the interest of the United
24 States and its allies to support democratic govern-

1 ance, energy security, and economic growth in
2 Moldova for the advancement of European and glob-
3 al security and prosperity;

4 (7) urges elected officials and policymakers in
5 Moldova to build upon the practices of the recent
6 free and fair elections to further bolster legitimate
7 and equitable election processes in the nation;

8 (8) calls for all personnel and equipment be-
9 longing to Russian security or armed forces to with-
10 draw from the sovereign territory of Moldova; and

11 (9) continues to support the 5+2 negotiation
12 process as an organized and constructive format to
13 establish a special status for the Transnistrian re-
14 gion within a territorially whole and sovereign
15 Moldova.

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