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H. RES. 972

Expressing the appreciation and gratitude of the House of Representatives to the governments and people of the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey for the reception and hospitality offered to the American evacuees from Lebanon in July 2006.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation and gratitude of the House of Representatives to the governments and people of the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey for the reception and hospitality offered to the American evacuees from Lebanon in July 2006.

Whereas the current military actions between Israel and Hezbollah are causing humanitarian difficulties in Israel and Lebanon;

Whereas on July 15, 2006, the Republic of Cyprus declared its readiness to assist efforts for the evacuation of United States citizens and other nationals fleeing Lebanon;

Whereas the Cypriot people know about the needs of people suffering under war and terror due to Cyprus's painful history of conflict and separation;

Whereas thousands of Americans having already arrived on Cyprus were supplied with food and water and were hosted and welcomed with open arms;

Whereas the willingness of the Cypriot authorities to cooperate with the United States Government and other foreign agencies was exemplary;

Whereas the Republic of Cyprus also provided ground for the evacuation of United States citizens after the 1983 bombing of the United States Marine Barracks in Beirut;

Whereas the Government of Turkey has also offered its support, providing the Mediterranean seaport of Mersin for the purpose of the evacuation of United States citizens;

Whereas this measure was an expression of the deep and close relations between the Republic of Turkey and the United States; and

Whereas thousands of United States citizens have already landed in Mersin, many of them being transported to the United States military base of Incirlik: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) heartily thanks the governments and people
3 of the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Tur-
4 key for receiving and hosting thousands of American
5 evacuees from Lebanon in July 2006;

6 (2) expresses its hope to continue the good co-
7 operation between the United States and Cypriot

1 Governments as well as between the United States
2 and Turkish Governments in the coming weeks; and
3 (3) recognizes the responsible roles the Cypriot
4 and the Turkish Governments are playing in their
5 efforts to stabilize the Middle East and encourages
6 them to continue in such efforts.

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