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Stating the disapproval of the Congress regarding the President's unilateral deployment of United States troops as peacekeepers to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Stating the disapproval of the Congress regarding the President's unilateral deployment of United States troops as peacekeepers to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Whereas on June 10, 1993, the Clinton Administration announced the United States would offer to send 300 United States troops to join United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Whereas Secretary of State Warren Christopher has stated that these troops are a "deterrent force" which will have "symbolic" value;

Whereas total United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will number approximately 1,000;

Whereas the deterrence strength of these peacekeeping forces is highly questionable since such forces must monitor the 260-mile border that separates the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from Serbia, Kosovo, and Albania;

Whereas the Clinton Administration has not sufficiently explained why United States troops should be inserted as a “symbolic” tripwire into the complex civil war in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas the commitment of United States troops in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia opens the prospect of further escalation of United States military involvement in the Balkans;

Whereas 86 Members of the House of Representatives signed a letter to President Clinton on June 24, 1993, expressing their “strong concerns and reservations about the lack of a well-defined mission for the pending United States troop deployment to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and

Whereas on July 5, 1993, the first contingent of United States troops arrived in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) disapproves of the unilateral deployment by
4 the President of United States troops as peace-
5 keepers to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedo-
6 nia; and

7 (2) urges the President to consult with the
8 Congress regarding the deployment and mission of

- 1 United States troops in the Former Yugoslav Re-
- 2 public of Macedonia.

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