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Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the President of the Russian Federation, Boris Yeltsin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON (for himself and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States strongly supports the principle of democracy and supports the forces of democracy throughout the world;

Whereas the Russian people, in their 1,000 year history, have never had an opportunity to elect a truly representative parliament in free and fair elections;

Whereas the members of the current parliament of the Russian Federation, known as the Congress of People's Deputies, were elected under the auspices of a constitution imposed on the peoples of the Russian Federation by the dictatorship of the Soviet Communist Party;

Whereas a majority of those voting in the April 1993 referendum voiced their desire for early elections for a new legislature for the Russian Federation;

Whereas the President of the Russian Federation, Boris Yeltsin, was duly elected to that office in a free, fair, and competitive vote held in June 1991;

Whereas a majority of those voting in the April 1993 referendum voiced their support for President Yeltsin and his policies, meant to establish truly democratic government in the Russian Federation; and

Whereas the current political and constitutional impasse in the Russian Federation has brought the country to a state of deep crisis and imperils that process of democratic reform: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizing the democratic intent of the ac-
4 tions taken by President Yeltsin on September 21,
5 1993, supports his insistence on free and fair elec-
6 tions to allow the peoples of the Russian Federation
7 the opportunity to elect a truly representative legis-
8 lature;

9 (2) applauds President Clinton for voicing his
10 firm support for the President of the Russian Fed-
11 eration;

12 (3) fully expects that the President of the Rus-
13 sian Federation will ensure that elections are held as
14 planned by December 1993; and

1 (4) calls upon the President of the United
2 States, the Secretary General of the United Nations,
3 and the community of nations to offer assistance in
4 facilitating the electoral process in the Russian Fed-
5 eration.

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