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Calling on the President to work to convene an international tribunal for war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling on the President to work to convene an international tribunal for war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia.

Whereas the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina has reached a critical point requiring immediate and decisive action by the international community;

Whereas attempts to bring about a permanent cessation of hostilities precipitated by Serbia and Serbian-backed forces in the independent state of Bosnia-Herzegovina through negotiations have yet to be successful;

Whereas horrible atrocities continue to be committed against civilian population of Bosnia-Herzegovina, including—

- (1) “ethnic cleansing” of regions inhabited by non-Serbs,
- (2) the forced detention, ill treatment and torture of persons, including civilians, in internment camps,

(3) the mass forcible expulsion and deportation of civilians,

(4) deliberate attacks on, and summary executions of, noncombatants,

(5) systematic sexual abuse, including the crime of rape, against women and girls as a method of torture,

(6) impeding the delivery of food and medical equipment to the civilian population, and

(7) wanton devastation and destruction of property and other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights;

Whereas the United States and other Contracting Parties to the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide may, under Article VIII, “call upon competent organs of the United Nations as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of genocide” or any of the other “Acts Constituting Genocide” enumerated in Article III;

Whereas the Secretary of State of the United States has stated that crimes against humanity have occurred in the former Yugoslavia and that the Secretary of State has named specific individuals as responsible for these crimes; and

Whereas the Government of the United States has transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations numerous reports detailing allegations of violations of humanitarian law and serious breeches of the Geneva Conventions in the former Yugoslavia: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) supports the efforts of the United Nations
2 Secretary-General and the Security Council to create
3 an international tribunal to investigate allegations of
4 war crimes and crimes against humanity committed
5 within the territory of the former Socialist Federal
6 Republic of Yugoslavia; and

7 (2) urges the President to work to convene an
8 international tribunal to accumulate evidence
9 against, charge, and otherwise prepare the basis for
10 trying any individual whom the tribunal has prob-
11 able cause to believe is responsible for or committed
12 such crimes.

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