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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to certain international aviation agreements and certain agreements between commercial air carriers of the United States and the United Kingdom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. WILSON, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. STARK, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. SANGMEISTER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. FROST, and Mr. HAYES) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to certain international aviation agreements and certain agreements between commercial air carriers of the United States and the United Kingdom.

Whereas, the United States airline industry is presently suffering from the effects of the worst financial crisis and resulting economic losses in its history;

Whereas, foreign investment in air carriers of the United States can be beneficial and should be encouraged, such investments must also coincide with reciprocal rights abroad for air carriers of the United States; and

Whereas, the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom remain unable to reach an agreement on liberalization of the present bilateral aviation agreement between the two nations;

Whereas, the current bilateral aviation agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom is among the most restrictive aviation agreements in the world;

Whereas, air carriers of the United States operating in the United Kingdom are presently required to adhere to restrictions on their operations which place them at a severe competitive disadvantage to British carriers;

Whereas, British Airways has recently acquired code-sharing rights and wet lease agreements which significantly increases its access to the United States, the world's single largest aviation market; and

Whereas, domestic airlines do not yet have comparable access to markets within and beyond the United Kingdom: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 **SECTION 1. PRESIDENT.**

4 The Congress calls upon the President to initiate and
5 endeavor to reach the conclusion of negotiations leading
6 to the creation of an "open-skies" bilateral aviation agree-
7 ment between the United States and the United Kingdom,
8 on or before, March 17, 1994. Should the President find
9 that the Government of the United Kingdom has pre-
10 vented productive negotiation of such an agreement, then

1 he is encouraged to take appropriate steps to eliminate
2 rights previously authorized for British carriers that are
3 not available to air carriers of the United States.

4 **SEC. 2. LEGISLATION.**

5 The Congress will not approve legislation to increase
6 the amount of allowable investment in United States air-
7 lines by foreign nationals until after the United States and
8 United Kingdom have negotiated and agreed to a new bi-
9 lateral aviation agreement, fully consistent with the
10 United States' goals for liberalization.

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