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# H. CON. RES. 95

Concerning congressional approval of the introduction of United States Armed Forces in the former Yugoslavia.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Concerning congressional approval of the introduction of United States Armed Forces in the former Yugoslavia.

Whereas there is international concern over the existence of hostilities in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas over 138,000 individuals have died and 2,000,000 others have been rendered homeless as a result of war and “ethnic cleansing” in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas diplomacy, sanctions, and United Nations peace-keeping efforts have yet to be successful in achieving a permanent cessation of hostilities in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas the use of military force involving United States Armed Forces is currently being considered in the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas article I, section 8, clause 11 of the Constitution of the United States confers on Congress the power to declare war; and

Whereas section 2(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541–1548) states that the President has constitutional authority to introduce United States Armed Forces into hostilities, or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances, only pursuant to a declaration of war, specific statutory authority, or a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces: Now, therefore, be it

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

3       **SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO CON-**  
 4                               **SULT WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS RE-**  
 5                               **GARDING INTRODUCTION OF ARMED FORCES**  
 6                               **IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.**

7       The Congress supports the efforts of the President  
 8 to consult with congressional leaders regarding the intro-  
 9 duction of United States Armed Forces into the former  
 10 Yugoslavia.

11       **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INTRODUCTION**  
 12                               **OF ARMED FORCES IN THE FORMER YUGO-**  
 13                               **SLAVIA.**

14       The Congress finds that the Constitution of the Unit-  
 15 ed States vests all power to declare war and to authorize  
 16 the use of force other than in self defense in the Congress.

1 The introduction of United States Armed Forces that are  
2 authorized to use military force in the former Yugoslavia,  
3 either individually or in conjunction with other countries  
4 or international organizations, should be explicitly ap-  
5 proved by the Congress before such introduction.

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