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Calling for the proper preservation of the memorial at the site of the Jasenovac concentration and death camp in Croatia in a way that accurately reflects the historical role of that site in the Holocaust.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. REGULA, Mr. YATES, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the proper preservation of the memorial at the site of the Jasenovac concentration and death camp in Croatia in a way that accurately reflects the historical role of that site in the Holocaust.

Whereas the sites where the Holocaust was carried out are of international significance;

Whereas the Holocaust was carried out in Europe by Nazi Germany and its allies and constitutes a horrendous chapter in history in which 6,000,000 Jews, as well as millions of others, were killed solely because of their identities;

Whereas the Nazi allies in the Croatian Ustashe regime operated a death camp at Jasenovac where many tens of thousands were deliberately murdered;

Whereas soldiers of the Ustashe regime, in alliance with Nazi Germany, participated in murders of hundreds of thousands of Jews, Serbs, and Roma and Sinti (Gypsies);

Whereas the recent conflict in the former Yugoslavia has destroyed the memorial to those who suffered in the Jasenovac concentration and death camp;

Whereas memorialization of this tragedy and accurate knowledge of its history are necessary in order to avert such future occurrences;

Whereas the United States Government has recognized the importance of preserving memory and history by establishing its own United States Holocaust Memorial Museum;

Whereas the world has recognized the importance of accurately preserving the record of the Holocaust and nations have established internationally recognized institutions of remembrance charged with protecting the historical record of the Holocaust; and

Whereas the international community has a vital interest in the proper preservation of the memorial at Jasenovac because the accurate memorialization of the past is the essential foundation for a better future: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) urges the Government of Croatia to prop-
4 erly preserve the memorial at the site of the

1 Jasenovac concentration and death camp in Croatia
2 in a way that maintains the fidelity of the site to the
3 history of that site;

4 (2) condemns proposals which would vary from
5 this history as attempts to distort the history of the
6 Holocaust and to desecrate the memory of its vic-
7 tims;

8 (3) calls on the Secretary of State, in conjunc-
9 tion with our allies, to condemn proposals which
10 would undermine the accurate interpretation of the
11 history of the Holocaust in Croatia;

12 (4) calls on the Secretary of State to monitor
13 the development of proposals for the Jasenovac me-
14 morial;

15 (5) calls on the Government of Croatia to work
16 in concert with internationally recognized institu-
17 tions of remembrance such as the United States
18 Holocaust Memorial Council and the International
19 Committee for the Preservation of Auschwitz-
20 Birkenau when developing plans for the preservation
21 of the Jasenovac memorial; and

22 (6) calls on the Chairman of the United States
23 Holocaust Memorial Council—

24 (A) to study the proposals for Jasenovac;

1 (B) to educate the public about the dan-
2 gers of denial and revisionism relating to the
3 Holocaust; and

4 (C) to report to the Congress on the activi-
5 ties described in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

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