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Expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the removal of Russian troops from Kaliningrad.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX of California submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the historic Königsberg area in the Baltic, now known as Kaliningrad, belonged to Germany prior to World War II;

Whereas after Germany's defeat in World War II the victorious countries agreed at the Potsdam Conference that the Königsberg area would be administered by the Soviet Union pending the signing of a formal peace treaty, at which time sovereignty over the Königsberg area would be decided;

Whereas because of the advent of the cold war, a peace treaty with Germany was not signed until 1990, at which time Germany relinquished its claims to the Königsberg area

but German sovereignty was not transferred to any other country;

Whereas from 1945 until its demise, the Soviet Union destroyed the historical sites of Königsberg, renamed the area Kaliningrad, removed its population by extermination and deportation, caused substantial environmental damage, and caused the area to become a military outpost consisting of 200,000 military personnel in an area of 15,100 square kilometers;

Whereas the Russian Federation has succeeded to the obligations of the Soviet Union in this area; and

Whereas the existence of the Kaliningrad military outpost poses a threat to the peace and security of the Baltic region and Europe, particularly to Lithuania which finds itself perilously located between Kaliningrad and Belarus, two of the most militarized regions of the world: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the Kaliningrad/Königsberg area should be
4 made into a demilitarized zone, and the Russian
5 Federation should remove all its military forces from
6 such area;

7 (2) the administration of the Kaliningrad/
8 Königsberg area should be transferred from the
9 Russian Federation to an international body; and

10 (3) appropriate international and regional agen-
11 cies should be requested to conduct and implement

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- 1 studies to restore the environmental integrity of the
- 2 area.

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