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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should seek a final and conclusive account of the whereabouts and definitive fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish citizen and diplomat, was responsible for saving the lives of 15,000 Hungarian Jews through the issuance of Swedish passports and for helping an additional 100,000 Hungarian Jews escape Nazi authorities during World War II;

Whereas on January 17, 1945, Raoul Wallenberg was taken into “protective custody” by Soviet troops, in violation of all international standards of diplomatic immunity;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg was later arrested by Soviet troops on charges of spying, and finally taken to

Lubyanka Prison in Moscow, where he was reported to have died on July 17, 1947, of a heart attack;

Whereas conflicting reports and information have surfaced over the last 45 years claiming that Raoul Wallenberg was executed by Soviet authorities or in fact is still alive in the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the Soviet Union has now ceased to exist and has been succeeded by the Commonwealth of Independent States which has pursued democratic reform while seeking to address Soviet atrocities of the past; and

Whereas the time has come to finally put an end to all speculation and confusion as to the fate of Raoul Wallenberg:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of
3 the Soviet and now Russian authorities in providing
4 records and personal effects of Raoul Wallenberg to
5 his family;

6 (2) requests that the President pursue, through
7 diplomatic discussions with the Government of the
8 Russian Federation, an investigation into the where-
9 abouts and definitive fate of Raoul Wallenberg; and

10 (3) requests that the results of this investiga-
11 tion be made public.

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