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H. CON. RES. 153

Commending Italy for its efforts to resolve the crisis in Albania and to promote democracy and a market-based economy in Albania.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. KING, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. PAXON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Ms. KELLY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MASCARA, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. TRAFICANT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Italy for its efforts to resolve the crisis in Albania and to promote democracy and a market-based economy in Albania.

Whereas Albania has undergone tremendous political and civil strife over the past several months;

Whereas more than 6,000 multinational troops, under the leadership of Italy, entered Albania in order to stabilize the situation in Albania and to create a secure environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance; and

Whereas Albania has successfully held parliamentary elections and efforts are underway by the new government to return Albania to normalcy: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the Government of Italy for its
4 leadership in focusing attention on the issues in Al-
5 bania and its leadership in assembling an inter-
6 national protection force in Albania;

7 (2) commends Italy, Greece, and other coun-
8 tries for offering refuge to displaced persons during
9 the height of the crisis in Albania;

10 (3) commends the Organization on Security and
11 Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and former Austrian
12 Chancellor Franz Vranitsky for leadership in helping
13 Albania resolve the crisis in that country;

14 (4) looks forward to working with the new Al-
15 banian Government as it works to build democratic
16 institutions and promote political reconciliation in
17 Albania;

18 (5) urges the new government and President of
19 Albania—

20 (A) to embrace pluralism and to foster co-
21 operation and reconciliation among the political
22 forces in Albania;

1 (B) to foster trust between the Govern-
2 ment of Albania and its citizenry as well as to
3 achieve stability in the region;

4 (C) to take steps toward further developing
5 a market-based economy;

6 (D) to pursue investigations, in coopera-
7 tion with appropriate international financial in-
8 stitutions, into the pyramid investment schemes
9 that cost hundreds of thousands of Albanians
10 their savings; and

11 (E) to ensure the freedom of the press and
12 access to the media for all interested parties;
13 and

14 (6) declare that, all Albania returns to stability,
15 the United States should assist the new Albanian
16 Government in its efforts to build strong democratic
17 institutions, bring about economic reform, promote
18 the rule of law, and reconstitute a professional Alba-
19 nian military and police.

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