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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. METCALF (for himself, Ms. DUNN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. WHITE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. DREIER, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HORN, and Mr. LEWIS of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the interference of the European Commission in the merger of the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas.

Whereas the Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas have announced their merger;

Whereas the Department of Defense has approved the merger as consistent with the national security of the United States;

Whereas the Federal Trade Commission has found that the merger does not violate the antitrust laws of the United States;

Whereas the European Commission has been highly critical of the merger in its consideration of the facts;

Whereas the European Commission is apparently determined to disapprove the merger to gain an unfair competitive advantage for Airbus Industries, a government-owned aircraft manufacturer; and

Whereas this dispute could threaten to disrupt the overall relationship between the European Union and the United States which had a two-way trade in goods and services of approximately \$366,000,000,000 in 1996: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) any disapproval by the European Commis-
4 sion of the merger of the Boeing Company and
5 McDonnell Douglas would constitute an unwar-
6 ranted and unprecedented interference in a United
7 States business transaction that would directly
8 threaten thousands of American aerospace jobs and
9 potentially put many more jobs at risk on both sides
10 of the Atlantic; and

11 (2) the President should take such actions as
12 he considers to be appropriate to protect United
13 States interests in connection with this matter.

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