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H. RES. 222

Congratulating Ukraine on the tenth anniversary of re-establishment of its independence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER (for himself and Ms. KAPTUR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Committee on International Relations discharged; considered and passed

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the proclamation on August 24, 1991 of the independence of Ukraine led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union;

Whereas Ukraine and the United States, proceeding from their shared commitment to democratic values, have expressed their determination to build broad and durable relations in the 1994 Charter for Ukrainian-American Partnership, Friendship and Cooperation and Ukraine is a country that maintains a distinctive partnership with NATO since 1997;

Whereas on June 28, 1996, Ukraine's Parliament voted to adopt the democratic Constitution and Ukraine has conducted its presidential and parliamentary elections according to it, moving further away from the former communist model of one-party totalitarian rule; and

Whereas Ukraine since its independence has successfully transferred from a colony of the Soviet empire into a viable, peaceful state, which established exemplary relations with all, neighboring countries and consistently pursues a course of European integration with a commitment to ensuring democracy and prosperity for its citizens: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) as a leader of the democratic nations of the
4 world, the United States commends and congratu-
5 lates the people of Ukraine on the tenth anniversary
6 of Ukrainian independence;

7 (2) the President and Parliament of Ukraine
8 should continue their efforts to maintain the balance
9 of powers between the executive and legislative
10 branches of government and ensure that their co-
11 operation is aimed at furthering democratic reforms
12 and strengthening civil society based on the rule of
13 law; and

14 (3) the United States should continue to assist
15 in building a truly independent Ukraine through en-
16 couraging and supporting democratic and market-

- 1 economy transformations in Ukraine, keeping the
- 2 doors of European and Trans-Atlantic institutions
- 3 open to this nation.

