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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty, and full independence of Lebanon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. HOKE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty, and full independence of Lebanon.

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

3 (1) the Congress—

4 (A) reaffirms the commitment of the Unit-
5 ed States to preserve the territorial integrity,
6 unity, sovereignty, and full independence of
7 Lebanon;

8 (B) urges the President to take the nec-
9 essary steps to activate the Consultative Group

1 for Lebanon's Reconstruction, which was estab-
2 lished by the April 26, 1996, Understanding be-
3 tween Lebanon and Israel; and

4 (C) calls for the withdrawal of all non-Leb-
5 anese forces from Lebanon so that Lebanon will
6 no longer serve as the preferred battleground
7 for its neighbors;

8 (2) it is the sense of the Congress that—

9 (A) the President should consider resolving
10 the presence of non-Lebanese forces in Lebanon
11 without relying exclusively upon a comprehen-
12 sive peace in the region to resolve this issue;
13 and

14 (B) insofar as Lebanon's neighbors require
15 security from Lebanon, Lebanon must be se-
16 cure from interference from its neighbors;

17 (3) the Congress—

18 (A) calls upon the President to negotiate
19 directly with officials of the Government of Leb-
20 anon on issues pertaining to Lebanon; and

21 (B) calls upon Lebanon to assert more
22 independence to assure the international com-
23 munity that Lebanon has the political will and
24 military capability to guarantee security along
25 its borders for itself and its neighbors and dis-

1 arm all militias upon the withdrawal of non-
2 Lebanese forces from Lebanon;

3 (4) insofar as the democratic process is part of
4 Lebanon's national character, the Congress urges
5 that Lebanon's parliamentary elections proceed
6 unimpeded in a fair, open, and equitable manner;
7 and

8 (5) it is the sense of the Congress that the
9 President should use the guidelines set forth in
10 paragraphs (1) through (4) in formulating United
11 States policy toward Lebanon.

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