

## JOINT MEETING

June 14, 1979  
[H. Con. Res. 140]

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, June 18, 1979, at 9 o'clock post meridiem for the purpose of receiving such communications as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

Communications  
from President.

Agreed to June 14, 1979.

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 ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND SENATE

June 27, 1979  
[H. Con. Res. 153]

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That when the House adjourns on Friday, June 29, 1979, it stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian on Monday, July 9, 1979, and that when the Senate recesses on Wednesday, June 27, 1979, it stand in recess until 12 o'clock meridian on Monday, July 9, 1979.

Agreed to June 27, 1979.

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 AMERICANS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

July 18, 1979  
[H. Con. Res. 10]

Whereas approximately twenty-three hundred Americans remain unaccounted for in Southeast Asia since the cessation of the Vietnam conflict; and

Whereas learning the fate of those American servicemen and civilians listed as missing remains of utmost importance to the United States, and is considered as such during the negotiations between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 3220 (XXIX) calling for assistance and cooperation in accounting for persons who are missing or dead in armed conflicts; and

Whereas such resolution recognized "that one of the tragic results of armed conflicts is the lack of information on persons—civilians as well as combatants—who are missing or dead in armed conflicts"; and

Whereas such resolution further states that "the desire to know the fate of loved ones lost in armed conflicts is a basic human need which should be satisfied to the greatest extent possible, and that provision of information on those who are missing or who have died in armed conflicts should not be delayed merely because other issues remain pending"; and

Whereas the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, despite assurances that it is conducting an extensive search for Americans listed as missing and for information that might indicate their fate, has provided but meager information concerning the fate of these missing Americans; and

Whereas present efforts to secure a full accounting of these Americans listed as missing are not productive and are ill-served by existing procedures and institutional frameworks: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That it is the sense of Congress that the President should instruct the Secretary of State to seek the good offices of the Secretary General of

U.N. special  
investigatory  
commission.

the United Nations for the purpose of establishing a special investigatory commission charged with the responsibility of securing a full accounting of Americans listed as missing in Southeast Asia. The commission should be composed of individuals selected because of their impeccable credentials and their long-standing service to the principles embodied in the United Nations Charter. The commission should be authorized to hold hearings, receive written communications, and seek the full cooperation and the facilities of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for purposes of verifying crash sites, confirming information on the last known whereabouts of missing Americans, and taking other appropriate measures to secure a full accounting of Americans listed as missing in Southeast Asia. The commission should be directed to submit a report summarizing its findings to the appropriate body of the United Nations.

Agreed to July 18, 1979.

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[H. Con. Res. 159]

### PARLIAMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Whereas since World War II the United States has consistently supported European integration as a fundamental basis for peace, stability, and prosperity; and

Whereas the basic aims for the European Community are to foster the well-being of its citizens through economic growth and stability among its member states, and to lay the foundations for closer union among the peoples of Europe; and

Whereas, in the common interest, the United States has maintained close ties with the Community, dating from the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community; and

Whereas these ties have been further strengthened by the continuing exchanges, initiated in 1972, between Members of the United States Congress and representatives of the European Parliament, the members of which have heretofore been appointed from the legislatures of the member states of the Community; and

Whereas the United States and the Community share common respect for democracy, the promotion of human rights under the rule of law, and the observance of democratic practices; and

Whereas the election of representatives to the European Parliament by universal suffrage is a concrete manifestation of the Community's commitment to democratic ideals; and

Whereas a Parliament elected by universal suffrage will enable the citizens of the Community to participate more fully, through their elected representatives, in strengthening their common futures; and

Whereas June 7 through 10, 1979, marked the first time that the citizens of the Community have chosen by direct universal suffrage their representatives to the European Parliament: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That, the Congress welcomes the first directly elected Parliament of the European Community into the family of freely elected representative bodies.

SEC. 2. The Congress recognizes the election of the Parliament to be an event of great historical significance to the evolution of European unification and integration and to the growth of representative democracy.

SEC. 3. The Congress congratulates the newly elected Parliamentarians and expresses the conviction that, as they assume their responsibilities, they will pursue policies aimed at strengthening the Community and ties between it and the United States.

Affirmation of congressional support.