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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Greece, in its negotiations with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to find a solution which promotes a solid, cooperative relationship between these two neighboring countries and that the United States should not establish formal diplomatic relations with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia until this relationship is established.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations are currently being conducted pertaining to the

name and to other national symbols of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Whereas all historical and archaeological evidence demonstrates that the ancient Macedonians were Greeks and Macedonia is a Greek name in origin;

Whereas in 1944 the name of the territory of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was changed from Vardar Banovina to Macedonia as part of the campaign by Yugoslavia's Communist dictator Tito to gain control of the Greek province of Macedonia and the United States opposed the use of the name Macedonia by Tito at that time;

Whereas Greece was a valuable ally of the United States during World War II and during the cold war;

Whereas Greece continues to be a valuable ally of the United States in the Eastern Mediterranean as demonstrated by its coalition role in the Persian Gulf conflict;

Whereas Greece has no claim on the territory of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and has repeatedly reaffirmed the inviolability of all borders in the area of the two countries; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the United States to oppose any expansionist or irredentist policies in order to promote peace and stability in such area: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the United States should use its influence
4 as a permanent member of the United Nations Security
5 Council to support the efforts of Greece, in its

1 negotiations with the Former Yugoslav Republic of
2 Macedonia, to find a solution which promotes a
3 solid, cooperative relationship between these two
4 neighboring countries; and

5 (2) the United States should not establish for-
6 mal diplomatic relations with the Former Yugoslav
7 Republic of Macedonia until such a relationship is
8 established.

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