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H. CON. RES. 15

Expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the abduction and detainment of Donald Hutchings of the State of Washington and four Western Europeans in Jammu and Kashmir, India.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. NEY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LOBIONDO, and Mr. MCHALE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Al-Faran, a militant organization that seeks to merge Kashmir with Pakistan, has waged a 5-year war against the Government of India;

Whereas during the week of July 2, 1995, the Al-Faran abducted Donald Hutchings of the State of Washington and four Western Europeans in the territory of Jammu and Kashmir, India;

Whereas the Al-Faran have threatened to kill Donald Hutchings and the Western European hostages unless the Government of India agrees to release 20 suspected guerrillas from its jails; and

Whereas the Al-Faran continues to hold Donald Hutchings and the four Western European hostages against their will: 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 militant organization Al-Faran imme-
4 diately release Donald Hutchings and four Western
5 Europeans from captivity; and

6 (2) the Al-Faran and their supporters cease
7 and desist from all acts of hostage-taking and other
8 violent acts within the State of Jammu and Kash-
9 mir, India.

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