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Concerning economic, humanitarian, and other
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Whereas in the area in the northern part of Somalia, referred to as Somaliland by the elected representatives of the people living there, a significant level of economic and social stability has been achieved, promising likely success for international and United States sponsored economic development and humanitarian programs;

Whereas economic development, humanitarian, and other forms of assistance to the people of such area from international organizations, the United States, and other foreign nations, has been diminished, delayed, or canceled due to questions about the assertion of sovereignty by those people as a nation separate from Somalia;

Whereas provision of economic development and humanitarian assistance to the people of such area does not constitute recognition of any particular claim to sovereignty by any de facto government of the region; and

Whereas the fundamental purpose of economic development, humanitarian, and other aid is to relieve human suffering: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) urges all international organizations, foreign
4 countries, and agencies of the United States Govern-
5 ment engaged in economic development, humani-
6 tarian, and other forms of bilateral or multilateral
7 assistance to evaluate the ability of such assistance
8 to achieve the amelioration of human suffering in
9 each region of Somalia, including the northern part
10 of Somalia referred to as Somaliland;

11 (2) urges the President not to delay, diminish,
12 or cancel the amounts and kinds of assistance other-
13 wise appropriate to the people of certain regions in
14 Somalia because conditions may not be propitious
15 for such assistance in other regions of Somalia;

1 (3) urges the President not to delay, diminish,
2 or cancel the amounts and kinds of such assistance
3 directed toward any region in Somalia waiting for a
4 permanent resolution of the efforts now underway to
5 forge a new government for Somalia;

6 (4) calls upon all Somali parties to continue to
7 work toward a permanent end to the civil strife
8 there and the adoption of a permanent governmental
9 structure most conducive to the well-being and basic
10 human rights of all Somali people; and

11 (5) calls on the President to—

12 (A) work with the international community
13 to help bring an end to the suffering of the So-
14 mali people and work toward a negotiated set-
15 tlement of the Somali conflict;

16 (B) increase the levels of humanitarian as-
17 sistance provided to Somalia through local and
18 international groups;

19 (C) provide funding for demobilization and
20 demining efforts in Somalia;

21 (D) provide assistance in the health and
22 education sectors of Somalia; and

1 (E) work with other donor groups to assist
2 the people of Somalia in reconstruction and de-
3 velopment.

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1999.

Attest:

Clerk.