

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and
3 Lithuania are free, democratic, and independent nations with
4 a long and proud history; and

5 WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is
6 dedicated to the preservation of the freedom and security of
7 its member nations; and

8 WHEREAS, The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and
9 Lithuania desire to share in both the benefits and
10 obligations of NATO in pursuing the development, growth, and
11 promotion of democratic institutions and ensuring free market
12 economic development; and

13 WHEREAS, Those nations recognize their responsibilities
14 as democratic nations and wish to exercise these
15 responsibilities in concert with members of NATO; and

16 WHEREAS, The Baltic States desire to become part of
17 NATO's efforts to prevent the extremes of nationalism; and

18 WHEREAS, The security of the United States is dependent
19 upon the stability of central Europe; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we support the admission of the Baltic States of Estonia,
23 Latvia, and Lithuania to the North Atlantic Treaty
24 Organization; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
26 delivered to the President of the United States, the
27 President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Committee on
28 Foreign Relations of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S.
29 House of Representatives, the Committee on International
30 Relations of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each

1 member of the Illinois congressional delegation.