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Recognizing the importance of the signing of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BEAN (for herself, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of the signing of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Whereas on November 21, 1995, the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (in this preamble referred to as the “Dayton Peace Accords”) was initialed in Dayton, Ohio, by the leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia, ending the 3½ year civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Whereas on December 14, 1995, the Dayton Peace Accords were signed in Paris, France;

Whereas United States President William Clinton, French President Jacques Chirac, United Kingdom Prime Minister John Major, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin signed the

Dayton Peace Accords for their respective countries as witnesses;

Whereas the 12th anniversary of the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords was celebrated on December 14, 2007;

Whereas the Dayton Peace Accords ended the conflict and created a multi-ethnic state;

Whereas the Dayton Peace Accords addressed numerous matters important to the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as—

- (1) regional stabilization;
- (2) the establishment of a constitutional framework for a decentralized form of government based on consensual decision making;
- (3) repatriation of refugees; and
- (4) internal security;

Whereas the Dayton Peace Accords continue to provide Bosnia and Herzegovina with a foundation for progress toward membership in the European Union, thus reducing tensions and preserving peace and stability throughout the region; and

Whereas the United States was instrumental in initiating, formulating, and brokering the Dayton Peace Accords, with the support of members of the European Union and the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

- 2 (1) recognizes the importance of the signing of
- 3 the General Framework Agreement for Peace in
- 4 Bosnia and Herzegovina (in this resolution referred
- 5 to as the “Dayton Peace Accords”);

1 (2) applauds the lasting effects of the Dayton
2 Peace Accords;

3 (3) commends those people who worked to pre-
4 serve the principles of the Dayton Peace Accords;

5 (4) reaffirms the importance of the successful
6 participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Eu-
7 ropean integration process for the future freedom
8 and prosperity of the citizens of Bosnia and
9 Herzegovina;

10 (5) salutes the maturing of indigenous demo-
11 cratic institutions within Bosnia and Herzegovina
12 and the demonstrated willingness of those institu-
13 tions to take on increased responsibility in the imple-
14 mentation of their mandates;

15 (6) reasserts that the United States is fully
16 committed to its role as a supporter of the Dayton
17 Peace Accords, and is committed to vigilance in pro-
18 viding oversight to protect the goals of such Accords;
19 and

20 (7) reaffirms the commitment made by the
21 United States to the goals enunciated in the Dayton
22 Peace Accords, including the goals of—

23 (A) recognizing and respecting Bosnia and
24 Herzegovina as a sovereign nation;

1 (B) recognizing and reaffirming the con-
2 stitutional protection of Republika Srpska and
3 the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the
4 two entities that make up Bosnia and
5 Herzegovina; and

6 (C) protecting the human and political
7 rights of all people in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
8 including Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks.

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