

103D CONGRESS
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for a continued United States policy of opposition to the resumption of commercial whaling, and otherwise expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to conserving and protecting the world's whale, dolphin, and porpoise populations.

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Whereas there is significant widespread support in the international community for the view that for scientific, ecological, and educational reasons, whales should no longer be hunted for profit;

Whereas there is concern that efforts will be made at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission to overturn the Commission's existing moratorium on commercial whaling of large whales;

Whereas there are species of small cetaceans that are currently subject to direct commercial harvest;

Whereas there are unique regions of the world's seas which serve as important feeding grounds for many species of whales, and where the impacts of environmental threats are unknown: 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 policy should promote the
4 conservation and protection of whale, dolphin, and
5 porpoise populations;

6 (2) the United States should remain opposed to
7 any resumption of commercial whaling, and should
8 work toward a moratorium on the direct commercial
9 harvest of dolphins and porpoises;

10 (3) the United States should work to strength-
11 en the International Whaling Commission by
12 reaffirming its competence to regulate direct com-
13 mercial harvest of small cetaceans and should en-
14 courage the Commission to consider the expertise of
15 its Scientific Committee;

16 (4) the United States should support the estab-
17 lishment of appropriate international sanctuaries
18 where whaling is prohibited; and

19 (5) in promoting the conservation and protec-
20 tion of the world's whale populations, the United
21 States should make the fullest use of diplomatic

- 1 channels, appropriate domestic and international
- 2 law, and all other available means.

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1993.

Attest:

Clerk.