H. CON. RES. 288

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 16, 1965

Mr. Fogarry submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- Whereas the Communist regime did not come to power in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia by legal or democratic processes; and
- Whereas the Soviet Union took over Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia by force of arms; and
- Whereas Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians desire, fight, and die for their national independence; and
- Whereas the Select Committee of the House of Representatives created by H. Res. 346, Eighty-third Congress, to investigate the incorporation of the Baltic States into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics found that the incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia was contrary to established principles of international law; and
- Whereas the United States of America has never recognized the incorporation of the Baltic States into the Union of Soviet

Socialist Republics and continues to maintain diplomatic relations with representatives of the former free governments of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia; and

Whereas there exists a strong and undivided world opinion to eliminate all remnants of imperialism and colonialism: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
- 2 concurring), That the Senate and the House of Representa-
- 3 tives of the United States of America request the President
- 4 of the United States to bring up the Baltic States question
- 5 before the United Nations and ask that the United Nations
- 6 request the Soviets:
- 7 (1) to withdraw all Soviet troops, agents, colo-
- 8 nists, and controls from Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia;
- 9 (2) to return all Baltic exiles from Siberia, prisons,
- and slave-labor camps in the Soviet Union; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 Resolved, That the United Nations conduct free elections
- 13 in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia under its supervision and
- 14 punish all Soviet Communists who are guilty of crimes
- 15 against the people of the Baltic States.

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Requesting the President of the United States to bring the Baltic States question before the United Nations.

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