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# H. RES. 562

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for Moldova's territorial integrity.

Whereas the United States has enjoyed good relations since the Republic of Moldova's independence in 1991;

Whereas since the Republic of Moldova's independence, the United States has provided financial assistance to support the people of Moldova's efforts to build a prosperous European democracy;

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Moldova further strengthened their partnership through the launching of a Strategic Dialogue on March 3, 2014;

Whereas the Republic of Moldova is due to sign an Association Agreement containing comprehensive free trade provisions with the European Union in June or July of 2014;

Whereas the United States Government supports the democratic aspirations of the people of the Republic of Moldova and their expressed desire to deepen their association with the European Union;

Whereas the United States supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and on that basis participates as an observer in the “5+2” negotiations to find a comprehensive settlement that will provide a special status for the separatist region of Transnistria within Moldova;

Whereas the leaders of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova requested to postpone the “5+2” round of talks scheduled to take place in April 2014;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation banned the import of Moldovan wine in 2013 and has threatened to ban Moldovan agricultural products, curtail the supply of energy resources to Moldova, and impose stricter labor migration policies on the people of Moldova;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation maintains a contingent of Russian troops and a stockpile of Russian military equipment and ammunition within the Moldovan region of Transnistria;

Whereas the Government of Russia has been actively issuing Russian passports to the residents of the Transnistria region;

Whereas the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Government of

Moldova have called upon the Government of the Russian Federation to remove its troops from the territory of the Republic of Moldova;

Whereas authorities in the Republic of Moldova's Transnistria region have restricted access to the region by OSCE Mission to Moldova monitors, preventing the Mission from providing impartial reporting on the security situation in the region;

Whereas the House of Representatives and the Senate both passed by an overwhelming majority, and the President signed into law, S. 2183, providing for a United States international broadcasting programming surge to counter misinformation from Russian-supported news outlets and ensuring that Russian-speaking populations in Ukraine and Moldova have access to independent news and information; and

Whereas Moldova has been a valued and reliable partner in promoting global security by participating in U.N. peace-keeping missions in Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Sudan, and Georgia: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) reaffirms that it is the policy of the United  
3       States to support the sovereignty, independence, and  
4       territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova and  
5       the inviolability of its borders;

6               (2) supports the Strategic Dialogue as a means  
7       to strengthen relations between the Republic of  
8       Moldova and the United States and enhance the  
9       democratic, economic, rule of law, and security re-

1 forms already being implemented by the Republic of  
2 Moldova;

3 (3) encourages the President and the Depart-  
4 ment of State to enhance United States cooperation  
5 with the Government of Moldova and civil society or-  
6 ganizations and focus assistance on justice sector re-  
7 form, anti-corruption efforts, strengthening demo-  
8 cratic institutions, domestic energy development, di-  
9 versification of energy supplies and energy efficiency,  
10 as well as promoting trade and investment opportu-  
11 nities;

12 (4) encourages the President to expedite the  
13 implementation of Public Law 113–96, especially for  
14 populations in Ukraine and Moldova;

15 (5) affirms the Republic of Moldova’s sovereign  
16 right to determine its own partnerships free of exter-  
17 nal coercion and pressure, and affirms Moldova’s  
18 right to associate with the European Union or any  
19 regional organization as well as its right to develop  
20 political, trade, social, and cultural and security  
21 links with the European Union;

22 (6) calls upon the Government of Russia to ful-  
23 fill its commitments made at the OSCE’s Istanbul  
24 summit in 1999 and to withdraw its military forces

1 and munitions from within the internationally recog-  
2 nized territory of the Republic of Moldova;

3 (7) calls upon the Government of Russia to re-  
4 frain from economic threats and pressure against  
5 Moldova and to cease any and all actions that sup-  
6 port separatist movements on the territory of  
7 Moldova;

8 (8) supports constructive engagement and con-  
9 fidence-building measures between the Government  
10 of Moldova and the authorities in the Transnistria  
11 region in order to secure a peaceful resolution to the  
12 conflict;

13 (9) finds that the only lasting resolution to the  
14 Transnistria issue is through a comprehensive settle-  
15 ment that affirms Moldova's sovereignty and terri-  
16 torial integrity, while providing a special status for  
17 the Transnistrian region within Moldova;

18 (10) urges officials in the Transnistrian region  
19 to allow OSCE Mission to Moldova monitors unre-  
20 stricted access to the region;

21 (11) urges all parties to refrain from unilateral  
22 actions that may undermine efforts to achieve a  
23 peaceful resolution, as well as the agreements al-  
24 ready reached, and encourages leaders of the

1 Transnistrian region to resume negotiations toward  
2 a political settlement; and

3 (12) affirms that lasting stability and security  
4 in Europe is a key priority for the United States  
5 and that these can only be achieved if the territorial  
6 integrity and sovereignty of all European countries  
7 is respected.

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