
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Tsongas submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should take certain actions with respect to East Timor.

Whereas many tens of thousands of East Timorese have died, either directly as a result of military operations or from consequent famine and disease, since the invasion and occupation of East Timor by the Government of Indonesia;

Whereas the threat of serious food shortages and continued medical problems persists in East Timor;

Whereas reports of violations of human rights in East Timor continue to be brought to international attention;

Whereas many hundreds of East Timorese have been prevented from emigrating from East Timor;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia has strictly limited access to East Timor and the free flow of information from the territory;

Whereas the people of East Timor have not been permitted to freely exercise their right of political self-determination recognized under the United Nations Charter; and

Whereas since 1975 the United Nations General Assembly has consistently condemned Indonesia's unilateral annexation of East Timor: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives

1 concurring). That it is the sense of the Congress that the
2 President should take all appropriate measures to--

3 (1) encourage the Government of Indonesia to allow
4 appropriate international relief agencies increased
5 access to East Timor and to allow such agencies to
6 establish full-time humanitarian relief operations in
7 East Timor;

8 (2) encourage and assist the governments of
9 Indonesia, Portugal, and Australia to facilitate the
10 reunification of families separated because of
11 developments in East Timor, and encourage the involvement
12 of appropriate international agencies in this process;

13 (3) encourage the Government of Indonesia to allow
14 free access to East Timor by international journalists
15 and international human rights organizations; and

16 (4) encourage the Government of Indonesia to agree to
17 negotiations through which Indonesian troops will be
18 withdrawn from East Timor and the people of East Timor
19 will be permitted to freely exercise their
20 internationally recognized right of self-determination.

21 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
22 of this concurrent resolution to the President.