

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the freedom fighters of Afghanistan have withstood the might of the Soviet Army for over two and a half years and gained the admiration of free men and women the world over with their courageous sacrifice, bravery, and determination;

Whereas the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is the first Soviet seizure of independent territory since the 1940's and represents a dangerous and unacceptable development in Soviet foreign policy;

Whereas the struggle for liberation in Afghanistan can succeed if those of us who believe in freedom come to its support;

Whereas the European Parliament, the Non-Aligned Movement, the United Nations, the Conference of Islamic Nations, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the United States Congress have all condemned the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan;

Whereas the Soviet airbases in southwest Afghanistan present an unacceptable threat to the Hormuz oil passage lanes which are so vital to the free world's economies;

Whereas many individuals and private organizations all over the world have already sent substantial aid to the Afghan freedom fighters;

Whereas it would be indefensible to provide the freedom fighters with only enough aid to fight and die but not enough to advance their cause of freedom;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that it should be the policy of the United States:

- 1) to encourage and support the people of Afghanistan in their struggle to be free from foreign domination;
- 2) to provide the people of Afghanistan, if they so request, with material assistance, as the U.S. considers appropriate, to help them fight effectively for their freedom;
- 3) to pursue a negotiated settlement of the war in Afghanistan, based on the total withdrawal of Soviet troops and the recognition of the inalienable right of the Afghan people to choose their own destiny free from outside interference or coercion, so that the four million Afghan refugees can return to their country in safety and in honor.