

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H. RES. 339**  
**OFFERED BY MR. SALMON OF ARIZONA**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the United States Government established diplomatic relations with the Government of Mongolia in January 1987;

Whereas in 1990, the Government of Mongolia declared an end to a one-party, authoritarian, Communist political system and adopted a lasting, multiparty democracy and free market reforms;

Whereas the Government of Mongolia has demonstrated a commitment to democracy and continues to strengthen democratic institutions in Mongolia;

Whereas the Government of Mongolia is an important leader in, and model for, the successful and peaceful transition to democracy;

Whereas Mongolia successfully chaired the Community of Democracies, which was held in Ulaanbaatar in 2013, and sponsored a United Nations General Assembly resolution entitled “Education for Democracy” (United Nations General Assembly Resolution 69/268 (2015)), where Mongolia said it would “would reinforce global, regional and national efforts on educating people in the culture of peace, democracy, tolerance and respect for different civilizations and religions and in upholding the values of freedom and human rights”;

Whereas Mongolia is involved in the Open Government Initiative, which provides “an international platform for domestic reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens”;

Whereas Mongolia, despite its small population, is the 28th largest contributor of military and police personnel to United Nations peacekeeping missions around the world, with approximately 10 percent of Mongolia’s 10,000 armed forces serving overseas in peacekeeping operations at any one time;

Whereas Mongolia has also consistently contributed troops to multilateral coalition missions including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Afghanistan, and the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan;

Whereas President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj has stated that Mongolia is willing to serve as “a center of democracy education, a life model for challenges and opportunities of freedom”;

Whereas Mongolia is committed to freedom of expression and other basic human rights, becoming the first country in Asia to chair the Freedom Online Coalition and hosting the annual Freedom Online conference in Ulaanbaatar in May 2015;

Whereas the Government of Mongolia established an International Cooperation Fund to share experiences and to support the advance of democracy and democratic values in other emerging nations, including Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, and Burma;

Whereas Mongolia is situated in a geostrategically important position, a landlocked state nestled between Russia and

the People's Republic of China, and pursues a foreign policy that facilitates democratic promotion and global engagement; and

Whereas the United States Government has a longstanding commitment, because of the interests and values of the United States, to encourage economic and political reforms in Mongolia: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) congratulates the people and the Govern-  
2           ment of Mongolia on the 25th anniversary of the  
3           first democratic elections in Mongolia;

4           (2) commends Mongolia for a peaceful and suc-  
5           cessful democratic transition;

6           (3) expresses support for the continued efforts  
7           of the Government of Mongolia to promote democ-  
8           racy, transparency, rule of law, and other shared  
9           values between Mongolia and the United States;

10          (4) acknowledges the shared interest of the  
11          United States Government and the Government of  
12          Mongolia in promoting peace and stability in North-  
13          east and Central Asia;

14          (5) recognizes the role of Mongolia as a global  
15          leader for emerging democracies;

1           (6) recognizes Mongolia’s efforts to promote de-  
2           mocracy, rule of law, and stability through its active  
3           participation in United Nations peacekeeping oper-  
4           ations and other multinational operations;

5           (7) recognizes that the United States should  
6           continue to support actions taken by the Govern-  
7           ment of Mongolia to—

8                   (A) further develop democratic institutions;  
9                   and

10                   (B) promote transparency, accountability,  
11                   and community engagement; and

12           (8) recommends that the United States Govern-  
13           ment expand academic, cultural, and other people-to-  
14           people partnerships between Mongolia and the  
15           United States.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution express-  
ing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding  
the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, and rec-  
ognizing the robust relationship between the United  
States and Mongolia and Mongolia’s contributions to  
international peace and stability.”.

