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H. CON. RES. 198

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding civil unrest in Jamaica.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

Mr. MEEKS of New York (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. CLAY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. QUINN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding civil unrest in
Jamaica.

Whereas Jamaica has been an ally of the United States since the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain on August 6, 1962;

Whereas the people of Jamaica have made important contributions to the international community;

Whereas peace, security, and stability in the Western Hemisphere is of paramount concern to the United States; and

Whereas more than 25 people living in Jamaica lost their lives in Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, during several days of civil unrest in July 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) mourns the loss of life caused by the civil
4 unrest in Kingston, Jamaica;

5 (2) urges the Government of Jamaica to en-
6 courage a process of reconciliation to help resolve
7 the crisis;

8 (3) encourages the Government of Jamaica to
9 conduct an investigation of the events leading up to
10 the civil unrest that is fair, open, timely, and trans-
11 parent, and that provides every segment of the popu-
12 lation of Jamaica an opportunity to be heard;

13 (4) urges the President—

14 (A) to provide, upon the request of the
15 Government of Jamaica, technical advice that
16 would help the Government of Jamaica in its
17 investigation of the events leading up to the
18 civil unrest; and

19 (B) to continue to cooperate with the Gov-
20 ernment of Jamaica to halt the illegal transport
21 of firearms and ammunition from the United
22 States to Jamaica; and

- 1 (5) supports the continuation of the democratic
- 2 process and rule of law in Jamaica.

