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# S. RES. 107

Congratulating the people of Peru on the occasion of their democratic elections on June 3, 2001.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 8, 2001

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Peru on the occasion of their democratic elections on June 3, 2001.

Whereas the people of Peru have courageously struggled to restore democracy and the rule of law following fraudulent elections on May 28, 2000, and after more than a decade of the systematic undermining of democratic institutions by the Government of Alberto Fujimori;

Whereas, in elections on April 8 and June 3, 2001, the people of Peru held democratic multiparty elections to choose their government;

Whereas these elections were determined by domestic and international observers to be free and fair and a legitimate expression of the will of the people of Peru; and

Whereas the 2001 elections form the foundation for a genuinely democratic government that represents the will and sovereignty of the people of Peru and that can be a constructive partner with the United States in advancing common interests in the Americas: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE**  
 3                   **DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN PERU ON JUNE**  
 4                   **3, 2001.**

5       (a) CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF PERU.—The  
 6 Senate, on behalf of the people of the United States,  
 7 hereby—

8           (1) congratulates the people of Peru for the  
 9       successful completion of free and fair elections held  
 10      on April 8 and June 3, 2001, as well as for their  
 11      courageous struggle to restore democracy and the  
 12      rule of law;

13          (2) congratulates Alejandro Toledo for his elec-  
 14      tion as President of Peru and his continued strong  
 15      commitment to democracy;

16          (3) congratulates Valentin Paniagua, current  
 17      President of Peru, for his commitment to ensuring  
 18      a stable and peaceful transition to democracy and  
 19      the rule of law; and

20          (4) congratulates the Organization of American  
 21      States (OAS) Electoral Observer Mission, led by

1 Eduardo Stein, for its service in promoting rep-  
2 resentative democracy in the Americas by working to  
3 ensure free and fair elections in Peru.

4 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
5 Senate that —

6 (1) the United States should expand its co-  
7 operation with the Government of Peru to  
8 promote—

9 (A) the strengthening of democratic insti-  
10 tutions and the rule of law in Peru; and

11 (B) economic development and an im-  
12 proved quality of life for citizens of both coun-  
13 tries;

14 (2) the governments of the United States and  
15 Peru should act in solidarity to promote democracy  
16 and respect for human rights in the Western Hemi-  
17 sphere and throughout the world;

18 (3) the governments of the United States and  
19 Peru should enhance cooperation to confront com-  
20 mon threats such as corruption and trafficking in il-  
21 licit narcotics and arms; and

22 (4) the United States Government should co-  
23 operate fully with the Peruvian Government to bring

- 1 to justice former Peruvian officials involved in nar-
- 2 cotics and arms trafficking or other illicit activities.

