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H. RES. 215

Recognizing the successful struggle of the people of Jamaica for their nation's independence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the successful struggle of the people of Jamaica for their nation's independence.

Whereas on August 6, 1962, the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain;

Whereas the people of Jamaica will celebrate the anniversary of their nation's independence from August 1 to August 4, 1997;

Whereas the people of Jamaica have practiced a representative democracy for 53 years since the establishment of internal self-governance in 1944;

Whereas, under the Administration of Prime Ministers Michael Manley and P.J. Patterson, Jamaica has played a leadership role in stimulating trade-based economic development, promoting democracy, fighting illicit narcotics

trade, and fostering the observance of human rights in the Caribbean region;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans are of Jamaican descent and Jamaican-Americans have made a rich contribution to our society;

Whereas Jamaica and the United States benefit from a healthy commercial relationship that exceeded \$2,300,000,000 in 1996; and

Whereas Jamaica and the United States enjoy strong cultural and social links: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the successful struggle of the
- 3 people of Jamaica for their nation's independence
- 4 from Great Britain;
- 5 (2) celebrates the strong and entrenched tradi-
- 6 tion of democratic governance in Jamaica; and
- 7 (3) recognizes the richness of the contribution
- 8 by Jamaican-Americans to the economic, political,
- 9 social, and cultural life of the United States.

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