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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections, and for other purposes.

Whereas René Preval was elected president of Haiti on December 17, 1995, and inaugurated on February 7, 1996;

Whereas a political impasse between President Preval and the Haitian Parliament over the past 2 years has stalled democratic development and contributed to the Haitian people's political disillusionment;

Whereas Haiti's economic development is stagnant, living conditions are deplorable, and democratic institutions have yet to become effective;

Whereas Haiti's political leaders propose free, fair, and transparent elections for local and national legislative bodies; and

Whereas Haiti's new independent Provisional Electoral Council has scheduled those elections for November and December 1999: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the provisional Electoral Council
4 of Haiti for its decision to hold elections for 19 sen-
5 ate seats, providing for a transparent resolution of
6 the disputed 1997 elections;

7 (2) urges the Government of Haiti to actively
8 engage in dialogue with all elements of Haitian soci-
9 ety to further a self-sustainable democracy;

10 (3) encourages the Government and all political
11 parties in Haiti to proceed toward conducting free,
12 fair, transparent, and peaceful elections as sched-
13 uled, in the presence of domestic and international
14 observers, without pressure or interference;

15 (4) urges the Clinton Administration and the
16 international community to continue to play a posi-
17 tive role in Haiti's economic and political develop-
18 ment;

1 (5) urges the United Nations to provide appro-
2 priate technical support for the elections and to
3 maximize the use of United Nations civilian police
4 monitors of the CIVPOL mission during the election
5 period;

6 (6) encourages the Clinton Administration and
7 the international community to provide all appro-
8 priate assistance for the coming elections;

9 (7) encourages the Government of Haiti to
10 adopt adequate security measures in preparation for
11 the proposed elections;

12 (8) urges all elements of Haitian civil society,
13 including the political leaders of Haiti, to publicly
14 renounce violence and promote a climate of security;
15 and

16 (9) urges the United States and other members
17 of the international community to continue support
18 toward a lasting and committed transition to democ-
19 racy in Haiti.

Passed the House of Representatives September 27,
1999.

Attest:

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