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H. CON. RES. 183

Calling upon the Government of Indonesia to respect the results of the September 4, 1999, referendum on the status of East Timor and to bring about an immediate end to the violence in East Timor with the assistance of United Nations forces if necessary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon the Government of Indonesia to respect the results of the September 4, 1999, referendum on the status of East Timor and to bring about an immediate end to the violence in East Timor with the assistance of United Nations forces if necessary.

Whereas on September 4, 1999, the people of East Timor overwhelmingly voted for independence from Indonesia;

Whereas after the voting was concluded violence broke out in East Timor;

Whereas although the violence is being perpetrated in East Timor by army-backed militias it is unclear who is directing these militias;

Whereas the Government of Indonesia declared martial law in East Timor to quell the violence;

Whereas the establishment of martial law in East Timor has failed to stop the violence;

Whereas it has been reported that hundreds of people have been killed and injured since the violence began in East Timor;

Whereas it has been reported that many of East Timor's 800,000 residents have been forced to flee East Timor;

Whereas the United Nations compound in Dili, East Timor, was besieged, and access to food, water, and electricity was intentionally cut off; and

Whereas the international community has called upon the Government of Indonesia to either take immediate and concrete steps to end the violence in East Timor or allow a United Nations-sponsored international force to enter East Timor and restore order: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress calls upon the Government
 3 of Indonesia to respect the results of the September 4,
 4 1999, referendum on the status of East Timor and to
 5 bring about an immediate end to the violence in East
 6 Timor with the assistance of United Nations forces if nec-
 7 essary.

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