

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 185

Supporting the results of the East Timor plebiscite held on August 30, 1999, and calling for an end to the violence in East Timor.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

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

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the results of the East Timor plebiscite held on August 30, 1999, and calling for an end to the violence in East Timor.

Whereas in March 1999 Indonesia and Portugal reached an agreement to allow the people of East Timor a “direct vote” on independence;

Whereas the vote, originally scheduled for August 8, 1999, took place August 30, 1999, and resulted in 78 percent of the voting East Timorese choosing independence;

Whereas since the election there has been an escalation of violence perpetrated by the anti-independence paramilitary forces, reported to be assisted by the Indonesian military and police; and

Whereas villages have been burned, East Timorese have been murdered and beaten, and international observers and media have fled East Timor for their own safety: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) supports the results of the East Timor pleb-  
4       iscite held on August 30, 1999;

5           (2) strongly urges the Government of Indonesia  
6       to end the military and police involvement with the  
7       anti-independence militia;

8           (3) strongly urges the Government of Indonesia  
9       to end the violence in East Timor immediately and  
10      begin taking steps to honor the election results;

11          (4) urges the President to provide the United  
12      Nations whatever assistance is needed to help secure  
13      the peace and independence of the East Timorese;  
14      and

15          (5) urges the United Nations to take immediate  
16      action, including the deployment of peacekeeping  
17      forces, to end the outbreak of violence in East  
18      Timor.

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