H. J. RES. 43

Disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1999.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 24, 1999

Mr. Mica (for himself, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Traficant, Mr. English, Mr. Bachus, Mr. Barr of Georgia, Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Burton of Indiana) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

Disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1999.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. DISAPPROVAL OF DETERMINATION OF PRESI-
- 4 DENT REGARDING MEXICO.
- 5 Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 490 of the For-
- 6 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291j), Congress
- 7 disapproves the determination of the President with re-

- 1 spect to Mexico for fiscal year 1999 that is contained in
- 2 the certification (transmittal no. 99–15) submitted to
- 3 Congress by the President under subsection (b) of that
- 4 section on February 26, 1999.

5 SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO WITHHOLD ASSIST-

- 6 ANCE FOR MEXICO.
- 7 (a) Waiver.—Notwithstanding subsections (e) and
- 8 (f) of section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,
- 9 the requirement to withhold United States assistance and
- 10 to vote against multilateral development bank assistance
- 11 contained in such subsection (e) shall not apply with re-
- 12 spect to Mexico until March 1, 2000, if at any time after
- 13 the date of the enactment of this joint resolution, the
- 14 President submits to Congress a determination and certifi-
- 15 cation described in subsection (b) of this section.
- 16 (b) Determination and Certification.—A deter-
- 17 mination and certification described in this subsection is
- 18 a determination and certification consistent with section
- 19 490(b)(1)(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 that
- 20 the vital national interests of the United States require
- 21 that the assistance withheld pursuant to section 490(e)(1)
- 22 of such Act be provided for Mexico and that the United
- 23 States not vote against multilateral development bank as-
- 24 sistance for Mexico pursuant to section 490(e)(2) of such
- 25 Act.

1 SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

- 2 For purposes of section 490(d) of the Foreign Assist-
- 3 ance Act of 1961, this joint resolution shall be deemed
- 4 to have been enacted within 30 calendar days after Feb-

5 ruary 26, 1999.

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