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H. RES. 26

Congratulating the people of Guatemala on the second anniversary of the signing of the peace accords in Guatemala.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Guatemala on the second anniversary of the signing of the peace accords in Guatemala.

Whereas on December 29, 1996, the Government of Guatemala and the representatives of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemala signed an historic peace accord ending 36 years of armed confrontation;

Whereas the peace accords include the creation of a commission to implement a wide range of reforms to the political, economic, social, and judicial systems of Guatemala, including an enhanced respect for human rights and the rule of law, improved health and education services, attention to the needs of refugees and displaced persons, and the role of the military in a democratic society;

Whereas the peace accords represented the completion of a long and important negotiation process with the goal of

achieving lasting peace, national reconciliation, political stability, and renewed economic growth in Guatemala; and

Whereas lasting peace, political stability, and economic development in Guatemala is in the best interest of all nations of the Western Hemisphere, including the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Guatemalan Government
3 of President Alvaro Arzu, the Unidad Revolucionaria
4 Nacional Guatemala, and all other parties to the
5 peace accords on the occasion of the second anniversary
6 of the peace accords;

7 (2) commends all of the people of Guatemala
8 for their determination to achieve a lasting peace
9 and encourages their continued strong commitment
10 to democratic principles and social justice for all;

11 (3) calls on the Government of Guatemala and
12 all political parties to continue to support the peace
13 accords and to implement the provisions of the accords
14 with respect to providing sufficient budgets for
15 health, education, and security; improving the judicial
16 system; protecting human rights, and strengthening
17 civilian control of the military; and

18 (4) affirms the commitment of the United
19 States to continue to support a sustainable peace

- 1 and development of strong democratic institutions in
- 2 Guatemala.

