

H. Res. 544

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

July 25, 2000.

Whereas the United States and Mexico have a long history of close relations and share a wide range of interests;

Whereas the people of the United States and the people of Mexico have extensive cultural and historical ties that bind together families and communities across national boundaries;

Whereas a democratic, peaceful, and prosperous Mexico is of vital importance to the security of the United States;

Whereas a close relationship between the United States and Mexico, based on mutual respect and understanding, is important to the people of both nations;

Whereas Mexican leaders from across the political spectrum and representatives of civil society recognized the need for political and electoral reform and took important steps to achieve these goals;

Whereas on July 2, 2000, nearly two-thirds of all eligible voters in Mexico participated in the national election;

Whereas both domestic and international election observers declared the July 2nd elections to be the fairest and most transparent in Mexico's history;

Whereas the election of Vincente Fox marks the first transition in power at the presidential level in 71 years from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), completing Mexico's transition to a total multi-party democratic system;

Whereas Vincente Fox, the winning presidential candidate, and Ernesto Zedillo, the current president, have both pledged themselves to a peaceful and cooperative transition of power; and

Whereas this transparent, fair and democratic election should be broadly commended: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the people and Government of the United Mexican States for the successful completion of the democratic multiparty elections for president and the legislature;

(2) commends all the citizens and political parties of Mexico for their participation in the democratic process and their strong support for the strengthening of their democracy;

(3) congratulates President-elect Vincente Fox for his election victory and his strong commitment to democracy and a free-market oriented economy; and

(4) reaffirms the United States friendship with the United Mexican States and our unequivocal commitment to encouraging democracy throughout Latin America.

Attest:

Clerk.