

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 181

Congratulating President-elect Alejandro Toledo on his election to the Presidency of Peru, congratulating the people of Peru for the return of democracy to Peru, and expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Peru on June 23, 2001.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2001

Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FALCOMA, Mr. LEACH, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. WATSON of California, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CALLAHAN, and Mr. FLAKE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN PERU AND**
2 **UNITED STATES-PERUVIAN RELATIONS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives finds
4 the following:

5 (1) The people of Peru have courageously
6 struggled to restore democracy and the rule of law
7 to Peru following the fraudulent elections on May
8 28, 2000, and the decade of undemocratic rule by
9 former President Alberto Fujimori.

10 (2) In elections on April 8 and June 3, 2001,
11 the people of Peru held democratic elections to
12 choose their government.

13 (3) These elections were determined by domes-
14 tic and international observers to be free, fair, trans-
15 parent, and the legitimate expression of the will of
16 the people of Peru.

17 (4) The 2001 elections in Peru form the foun-
18 dation for a democratic government that represents
19 the will and sovereignty of the people of Peru.

20 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING ELECTIONS
21 IN PERU.—The House of Representatives, on behalf of the
22 people of the United States—

23 (1) congratulates the people of Peru for the
24 successful completion of free and fair elections held
25 on April 8 and June 3, 2001;

1 (2) congratulates Alejandro Toledo for his elec-
 2 tion as President of Peru and his continued strong
 3 commitment to democracy;

4 (3) congratulates Valentin Paniagua, the cur-
 5 rent President of Peru, for his commitment to en-
 6 suring a stable and peaceful transition to democracy
 7 and the rule of law; and

8 (4) congratulates the Organization of American
 9 States (OAS) Electoral Observer Mission, led by
 10 Eduardo Stein, for its service in promoting rep-
 11 resentative democracy in the Americas by working to
 12 ensure free and fair elections in Peru.

13 (c) SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 14 REGARDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
 15 AND PERU.—It is the sense of the House of Representa-
 16 tives that—

17 (1) the United States should expand its co-
 18 operation with the Government of Peru to
 19 promote—

20 (A) the strengthening of democratic insti-
 21 tutions and the rule of law in Peru; and

22 (B) economic development and an im-
 23 proved quality of life for citizens of both coun-
 24 tries;

1 (2) the Governments of the United States and
2 Peru should act in solidarity to promote democracy
3 and respect for human rights in the Western Hemi-
4 sphere and throughout the world; and

5 (3) the Governments of the United States and
6 Peru should enhance cooperation to confront com-
7 mon threats such as corruption and trafficking in il-
8 licit narcotics and arms.

9 **SEC. 2. EARTHQUAKE OF JUNE 23, 2001, IN PERU.**

10 (a) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives finds
11 the following:

12 (1) On the afternoon of June 23, 2001, a dev-
13 astating and deadly earthquake with a magnitude of
14 8.1 on the Richter scale struck Peru, killing at least
15 97 people, injuring thousands, and leaving thou-
16 sands more homeless and sleeping in the streets in
17 freezing temperatures.

18 (2) The earthquake has left significant damage
19 throughout southeastern Peru, including the devas-
20 tation of mountain villages, and severe damage in
21 the historic, colonial city of Arequipa.

22 (3) An aftershock of 5.7 on the Richter scale
23 has already been recorded and additional aftershocks
24 are expected to occur.

1 (4) The people of Peru have displayed strength,
2 courage, and determination to rebuild in the after-
3 math of this earthquake.

4 (5) Peru has appealed to the International
5 Committee of the Red Cross and other relief organi-
6 zations in the international community for economic
7 assistance to meet the relief and reconstruction
8 needs of Peru in the aftermath of this earthquake.

9 (6) The United States has offered technical and
10 monetary assistance to Peru through the United
11 States Agency for International Development.

12 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The House of
13 Representatives—

14 (1) expresses—

15 (A) deep sympathy to the people of Peru
16 for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the
17 earthquake of June 23, 2001; and

18 (B) support for the efforts of the people of
19 Peru to rebuild their homes and lives;

20 (2) expresses support for relief and reconstruc-
21 tion assistance to Peru provided by international re-
22 lief agencies and the international community, in-
23 cluding the United States Agency for International
24 Development;

1 (3) urges the President of the United States to
2 encourage such entities to expedite such assistance;
3 and

4 (4) encourages assistance by other countries
5 and organizations to alleviate the suffering of the
6 people of Peru and to assist them in rebuilding their
7 homes and lives.

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