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H. RES. 211

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Bush Administration should send a high-level delegation to participate at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, and Ms. KILPATRICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance (WCAR) is to be held in Durban, South Africa, from August 31 through September 7, 2001;

Whereas the WCAR is a significant world event and the participation of the United States is in the national interest

of the United States as an international leader and is vital to the success of the conference;

Whereas many of the issues being broached at the WCAR have both compelling domestic as well as international importance and United States involvement in the WCAR will help to bring these many significant issues into sharper focus both at home and abroad;

Whereas the elimination of racism and discrimination are integral themes in the history of the United States and of great importance to all Americans;

Whereas the purpose of the conference is to examine the state of race relations and to formulate a broad agenda of goals that nations can implement nationally as well as internationally; and

Whereas the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance is a perfect opportunity to publicly show a commitment to ending racism in this country: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) calls upon Secretary of State Colin Powell to lead
- 3 the United States delegation to South Africa for the
- 4 United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial
- 5 Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance
- 6 (WCAR) to heighten, significantly, the delegation's stat-
- 7 ure and demonstrate to the world the seriousness with
- 8 which the United States Government approaches not only
- 9 the WCAR, but the grave situation of racial discrimination
- 10 around the globe;

1 (2) urges the Bush Administration to increase United
2 States support for the WCAR by providing financial as-
3 sistance in support of the WCAR and ensuring that such
4 assistance is commensurate with the financial commitment
5 of the United States to the United Nations Fourth World
6 Conference on Women and other similar fora; and
7 (3) urges the Bush Administration to adopt policy po-
8 sitions at the WCAR that seek to advance an enlightened
9 understanding of both the historic and contemporary fac-
10 tors contributing to current-day problems of racism, racial
11 discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance.

