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H. RES. 573

Providing that development assistance by the United States to foreign countries should be provided only to countries that work toward economic and political freedom to improve the living standards of all of its citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. THORNBERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Providing that development assistance by the United States to foreign countries should be provided only to countries that work toward economic and political freedom to improve the living standards of all of its citizens.

Whereas it is in the national security interests of the United States to enhance democracy, free and fair elections, freedom of the press, liberty, prosperity, open markets, and the rule of law;

Whereas a goal of the foreign policy of the United States should be to produce a new global community of economically self-sustaining countries by working to reduce poverty, corruption, hopelessness, ignorance, intolerance, and the roots of terrorism throughout the world;

Whereas since World War II, the United States has provided more international development assistance than any other country to respond to humanitarian disasters and promote economic development;

Whereas between 1945 and 1999, taxpayers in the United States directly contributed more than \$500,000,000,000 to foreign development assistance programs;

Whereas economically free countries have higher life expectancies, higher literacy rates, higher labor and environmental standards, greater protections of human rights, and greater foreign and domestic investment confidence;

Whereas not all recipients of foreign development assistance from the United States have implemented policies that encourage economic and political growth and stability or improvements in the health and well-being of their citizens; and

Whereas foreign development assistance is most effective in promoting economic growth in countries with stable macroeconomic environments, sound judiciary policy, open trade regimes, respect for property rights, and a sound rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PROVISION OF NONHUMANITARIAN ASSIST-**
 3 **ANCE.**

4 The United States—

5 (1) should provide nonhumanitarian develop-
 6 ment assistance only to countries that encourage
 7 free and open market policies, practice free and fair

elections, advance democracy and the rule of law,
 root out corruption, and promote higher standards
 of living for all its citizens; and

(2) should provide nonhumanitarian develop-
 ment assistance to a country only if the country is
 making progress toward economic freedom based on
 such factors as protection of the right of citizens to
 own property, transparency in government, privat-
 ization, investment in health care and education,
 stable and independent monetary and wage and
 price policies, trade liberalization, and reduction in
 government corruption.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this resolution—

(1) the term “development assistance” means
 government-to-government programs for promoting
 economic growth and democracy promotion; and

(2) the term “humanitarian assistance” means
 international disaster aid, food assistance, medicine,
 refugee aid, child survival assistance, HIV/AIDS/glob-
 al health assistance, basic education, environmental
 protection, and assistance provided through non-
 governmental organizations.

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