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Congratulating the people of Mozambique on their successful efforts to establish, build, and maintain peace in their country for the past ten years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Mozambique on their successful efforts to establish, build, and maintain peace in their country for the past ten years, and for other purposes.

Whereas, on October 4, 1992, having overcome the hardships of a colonial struggle, decolonization, and armed regional and national conflict, the people of Mozambique, the parties to the civil war in Mozambique, and the leadership of Mozambique reached a peaceful settlement to the devastating 16-year civil war;

Whereas this peace was facilitated by the good offices of the Comunita di Sant' Egidio in Rome and supported by regional friends and the international community;

Whereas in 1994 and 1999 Mozambique held multi-party elections deemed free and fair by the international community;

Whereas this peace has been consolidated and strengthened by Mozambique civil society, helping to keep the Government of Mozambique on a course of political and economic reforms despite the challenges currently presented by HIV/AIDS, floods, droughts, and regional instability;

Whereas the Government of Mozambique has initiated sound economic reforms, including the privatization of state-run enterprises, the reduction and simplification of import tariffs, and the liberalization of agricultural markets, resulting in extraordinary economic growth;

Whereas the resources that have become available by Mozambique's participation in the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative have been responsibly channeled by the Government of Mozambique into anti-poverty programs;

Whereas, despite the progress that Mozambique has made, more than one-half of the people of Mozambique over 15 years of age are illiterate, twenty-eight percent of the children under five are malnourished, infant mortality stands at more than 12 percent, and life expectancy is only 42 years;

Whereas the United States values democratic principles, the rule of law, peace, and stability in all nations that comprise the community of states; and

Whereas Mozambique has been transformed from a war-torn country to one where political disputes are settled through peaceful means: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) congratulates the people of Mozambique on
2 ten years of continued peace and growing democracy
3 and commends the Government of Mozambique for
4 continued economic and political reforms;

5 (2) salutes the Comunita di Sant' Egidio for
6 using its good offices to facilitate and mediate the
7 peace process that led to the October 4, 1992, agree-
8 ment;

9 (3) recognizes the indispensable role that civil
10 society in Mozambique has played in both achieving
11 peace and deepening democratic reforms; and

12 (4) stands ready to assist the Government of
13 Mozambique on a variety of programs, including hu-
14 manitarian and development assistance, HIV/AIDS
15 prevention, and technical assistance to fight corrup-
16 tion.

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