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# H. RES. 166

Commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition.

Whereas on December 27, 2002, the Republic of Kenya successfully held presidential, parliamentary, and local elections;

Whereas these elections were widely praised by objective international observers as free and fair;

Whereas the Department of State stated that with these elections the Kenyan people “have made a strong demonstra-

tion of their democratic commitment and established an important example for the region and for the world”;

Whereas the European Union stated that “the overall conduct of the elections constitutes an example for other countries in the region”;

Whereas these elections signal a major step forward for Kenyan democracy, particularly when compared with other elections held in Kenya since it became an independent state in 1963;

Whereas the transition of power put in motion by these elections culminated on December 30, 2002, when former President Daniel Toroitich arap Moi peaceably transferred the Kenyan presidency to President Mwai Kibaki; and

Whereas these elections and the subsequent transfer of power from leader to leader represent the birth of a successful new democracy in Kenya: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) commends the people of the Republic of  
3       Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, and the  
4       Government of Kenya for its successful completion  
5       of a peaceful and orderly transition of power;

6               (2) expresses its desire to see this new democ-  
7       racy in Kenya continue to thrive, as it has in the  
8       months following the 2002 elections;

9               (3) urges other African countries to look to  
10      Kenya as an example of a working democracy in ac-

1       tion and to follow the example set by the people of  
2       Kenya during this recent election process;

3           (4) reaffirms the friendship that exists between  
4       the people of the United States and people of Kenya,  
5       as two nations bound together by the shared values  
6       of democracy; and

7           (5) offers its commitment to working to ensure  
8       democracy is able to grow and flourish as Kenya  
9       moves into the challenging future that lies ahead.

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