

H. Res. 177

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 23, 2003.

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 demonstration 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

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

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

(2) expresses its desire to see this new democracy in Kenya continue to thrive, as it has in the months following the 2002 elections;

(3) urges other African countries to look to Kenya as an example of a working democracy in action and to follow the example set by the people of Kenya during this recent election process;

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

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

(6) commends the Government of Kenya for its commitment and concrete steps taken—

(A) to strengthen democracy, human rights and the rule of law;

(B) to combat corruption;

(C) to provide free and universal primary education;

(D) to fight against HIV/AIDS; and

(E) to support the United States in the war on terrorism.

Attest:

Clerk.