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S. RES. 231

Commending the Government and people of Kenya.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. GREGG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

OCTOBER 2, 2003

Reported by Mr. LUGAR, without amendment

OCTOBER 3, 2003

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Government and people of Kenya.

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

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

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

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

Whereas the people of Kenya have manifested a strong desire to combat the endemic corruption that has crippled Kenyan society for years; and

Whereas the Government of Kenya has responded to this desire with concrete initiatives aimed at fostering transparency and accountability in Kenya: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the people of the Republic of
3 Kenya for conducting free and fair elections;

4 (2) commends the Government of Kenya for the
5 successful completion of a peaceful and orderly tran-
6 sition of power;

7 (3) expresses its desire to see this new democ-
8 racy in Kenya thrive;

9 (4) acknowledges the suffering inflicted on the
10 people of Kenya as a result of terrorist activity and
11 appreciates the assistance and cooperation of Kenya
12 to the global fight against terrorism;

13 (5) reaffirms the friendship that exists between
14 the people of the United States and the people of
15 Kenya, as 2 nations bound together by the shared
16 values of democracy;

1 (6) applauds the regional peacemaking efforts
2 of Kenya and the contributions of Kenya to inter-
3 national peacekeeping;

4 (7) commends the commitment and concrete
5 steps taken by the Government and people of
6 Kenya—

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

9 (B) to combat corruption, including
10 through the passage by the Kenyan Parliament
11 of the Public Officer Ethics Bill and the Anti-
12 Corruption and Economic Crimes Bill;

13 (C) to improve access to education; and

14 (D) to prevent the transmission of HIV/
15 AIDS;

16 (8) commits to working with the people of
17 Kenya to continue making progress in combating
18 corruption, encouraging development, fighting HIV/
19 AIDS, and fostering respect for the rule of law and
20 a climate of transparency; and

21 (9) welcomes the October 2003 visit of Kenyan
22 President Mwai Kibaki to the United States.

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