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S. RES. 111

Urging the United States to increase its efforts to ensure democratic reform
in the Kyrgyz Republic.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Urging the United States to increase its efforts to ensure
democratic reform in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Whereas on August 31, 1991, the Kyrgyz Republic declared
independence from the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Kyrgyz Republic was ruled by President Askar
Akayev from October 1991 to April 2005;

Whereas the Kyrgyz Republic held a first round of par-
liamentary elections on February 27, 2005;

Whereas the United States Government recognized several
areas of improvement in the parliamentary elections in
the Kyrgyz Republic, including competitive elections and
the active participation of civil society, but it noted the
elections fell short of the commitments of the Kyrgyz Re-
public to the Organization for Security and Cooperation

in Europe (OSCE) and other international entities to fully meet the accepted criteria for democratic elections;

Whereas nation-wide demonstrations sparked by the flawed parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic led to the departure of President Akayev and the collapse of his government on March 22, 2005;

Whereas Askar Akayev officially resigned as President of the Kyrgyz Republic on April 4, 2005;

Whereas the Kyrgyz people, through their actions, have created an opportunity for a democratic and stable future for the Kyrgyz Republic;

Whereas the interim government in the Kyrgyz Republic can earn the confidence of the Kyrgyz people and the international community by abiding by its commitment to hold free and fair presidential elections on July 10, 2005, and by ensuring that the members of the new parliament in the Kyrgyz Republic represent the choice of the Kyrgyz people;

Whereas the interim government in the Kyrgyz Republic can move towards resolving the political crisis in the Kyrgyz Republic in a way that confirms the will of the Kyrgyz people by working closely with its immediate neighbors and with the OSCE;

Whereas the United States strongly supports efforts by the OSCE to work with the Kyrgyz people to strengthen democratic institutions in the Kyrgyz Republic, which will provide the foundation for political stability in the Kyrgyz Republic;

Whereas the United States and the Kyrgyz Republic value a good relationship;

Whereas the United States provides humanitarian assistance, nonlethal military assistance, and assistance to support economic and political reforms as part of the democratic transition process in the Kyrgyz Republic; and

Whereas security in the Kyrgyz Republic remains a top concern of the United States due to its strong support of the United States in the global war on terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) welcomes the official resignation of Askar
3 Akayev as President of the Kyrgyz Republic;

4 (2) acknowledges and welcomes the close rela-
5 tionship formed between the United States and the
6 Kyrgyz Republic since it declared independence from
7 the Soviet Union on August 31, 1991;

8 (3) supports the sovereignty, independence, and
9 territorial integrity of the Kyrgyz Republic;

10 (4) urges the continuation of strong support for
11 democratic reform, including respect for the rule of
12 law and human rights, in the Kyrgyz Republic;

13 (5) urges the interim government in the Kyrgyz
14 Republic to move swiftly toward the democratic gov-
15 ernment ratified by the Kyrgyz people by holding
16 free, fair, and transparent presidential elections on
17 July 10, 2005, and by ensuring that the new par-
18 liament in the Kyrgyz Republic represents the choice
19 of the Kyrgyz people; and

1 (6) urges the people of the Kyrgyz Republic to
2 take advantage of the readiness of the Organization
3 for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to
4 expand its assistance in preparing for free and fair
5 presidential elections in the Kyrgyz Republic as the
6 foundation of political legitimacy and stability in the
7 Kyrgyz Republic.

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