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# S. RES. 320

Recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government.

Whereas the people of Ukraine have overcome financial and political hardships to achieve a democratic system in which decisions have been reached without violence and through free and fair elections;

Whereas Ukraine has already conducted elections considered free, fair, and consistent with the principles of the Orga-

nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on 2 previous occasions;

Whereas the people of Ukraine deserve an elected and representative government that can work together and pass legislation to improve the quality of life for all Ukrainians; and

Whereas the people of Ukraine have successfully established a growing free press, an increasingly independent judiciary, and a respect for human rights and the rule of law, which enhance freedom, stability, and prosperity: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) acknowledges the cooperation and friendship  
3       between the people of the United States and the people of Ukraine since the restoration of Ukraine's  
4       independence in 1991 and the natural affections of  
5       the millions of Americans whose ancestors emigrated  
6       from Ukraine;

8               (2) expresses the admiration of the American  
9       people for the ongoing success of the Ukrainian people at removing violence from politics, for which  
10       Ukrainians should be proud, in particular the free  
11       and fair presidential elections of December 26,  
12       2004, and the parliamentary elections of March 26,  
13       2006;

15              (3) encourages the people of Ukraine to maintain the democratic successes of the Orange Revolution

1       tion of 2004, and expresses the hope that the lead-  
2       ers of Ukraine will conduct the September 30, 2007,  
3       elections in keeping with the standards of the Orga-  
4       nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  
5       (OSCE), of which both the United States and  
6       Ukraine are participating states;

7           (4) urges the leaders and parties of Ukraine to  
8       overcome past differences and work together con-  
9       structively to enhance the economic and political sta-  
10      bility of the country that the people of Ukraine de-  
11      serve; and

12          (5) pledges the continued assistance of the  
13      United States to the continued progress and further  
14      development of a free and representative democratic  
15      government in Ukraine based on the rule of law and  
16      the principle of human rights.

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