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Expressing support for continued international cooperation to combat HIV/
AIDS.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for continued international cooperation
to combat HIV/AIDS.

Whereas an estimated 34,000,000 people around the world were living with HIV at the end of 2010, up from 8,000,000 in 1990;

Whereas since the beginning of the epidemic, nearly 30,000,000 people have died from AIDS-related causes;

Whereas the annual number of new HIV infections has steadily declined, and due to the significant increase in people receiving antiretroviral therapy, the number of AIDS-related deaths has also declined;

Whereas developing countries continue to bear the brunt of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, with sub-Saharan Africa ac-

counting for 68 percent of all adults and children living with HIV/AIDS;

Whereas 1 in 5 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the United States is unaware of being infected, and significant disparities persist across different communities and populations with regard to incidence of infection, access to treatment, and health outcomes;

Whereas the engagement of civil society is critically important to the fight against HIV/AIDS;

Whereas the courageous efforts of individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS in the United States and worldwide have revolutionized the global response to HIV/AIDS and led to the enactment of bipartisan legislation to address the crisis;

Whereas the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which represents the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease, has saved the lives of millions of people around the world by establishing and expanding the infrastructure necessary to deliver prevention, care, and treatment services in low-resource settings;

Whereas the United States has articulated a vision of ushering in an AIDS-Free Generation; and

Whereas the XIX International AIDS Conference offers a unique opportunity to change the course of the HIV/AIDS epidemic by capitalizing on scientific advances in treatment and prevention, building consensus to maximizing results, facilitating public-private partnerships, and accelerating momentum towards a cure: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) supports efforts to raise awareness about
4 the ongoing HIV/AIDS crisis;

5 (2) recognizes the importance of country owner-
6 ship of the HIV/AIDS response, including participa-
7 tion by civil society;

8 (3) expresses its support for the achievements
9 of the United States President’s Emergency Plan for
10 AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), in cooperation with inter-
11 national efforts to combat HIV/AIDS;

12 (4) endorses the call for virtual global elimi-
13 nation of new pediatric HIV infections by 2015;

14 (5) urges continued United States leadership in
15 the fight against HIV/AIDS; and

16 (6) calls upon all nations to—

17 (A) develop and implement effective AIDS
18 strategies that are tailored to local conditions
19 and include specific, measurable targets and
20 evaluation plans;

21 (B) provide adequate resources that are
22 targeted appropriately to address the epidemic;

23 (C) promote accountability among all
24 stakeholders engaged at various levels of the re-
25 sponse to HIV and AIDS; and

- 1 (D) respect the human rights and dignity
- 2 of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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