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H. RES. 170

Recognizing the Falkland Islands referendum in favor of retaining their status as a British Overseas Territory.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PETRI, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. HALL, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. POE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Falkland Islands referendum in favor of retaining their status as a British Overseas Territory.

Whereas the Falkland Islands held a referendum on March 10, 2013, and March 11, 2013, to determine whether they wish to retain their status as a British Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom;

Whereas the Falkland Islands, supervised under an International Observer Mission, have voted 99.8 percent in favor of retaining their British Overseas Territory Status;

Whereas the Falkland Islands have the right, under the United Nations Charter and the International Covenant

on Civil and Political Rights, to determine their own future; and

Whereas the United Kingdom is a loyal ally that has stood by the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

3 (1) the United States recognizes that the Falkland Islands referendum reflects the freely expressed
4 and democratic views of the Falkland Islanders;

6 (2) the Falkland Islands have expressed their
7 desire to remain a self-governing British Overseas
8 Territory; and

9 (3) the views and rights of the Falkland Islanders should be taken into account in any discussion
10 on the future of the Falkland Islands.

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