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Whereas on October 20, 1996, the people of the Republic of Nicaragua held truly democratic, multiparty elections to choose their government;

Whereas these elections were deemed by international and domestic observers to be free and fair and a legitimate expression of the will of the people of the Republic of Nicaragua;

Whereas on January 10, 1997, Arnaldo Aleman was peacefully sworn in to the office of President of the Republic of Nicaragua and immediately promised to continue down the path to democracy, national reconciliation and reconstruction that was started by the previous administration of President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro; and

Whereas this historic event of democratic elections in the Republic of Nicaragua and the inauguration of President Arnaldo Aleman should be honored: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates the people of the Republic of
 4 Nicaragua for the successful completion of the his-
 5 toric democratic, multiparty elections held on Octo-
 6 ber 20, 1996;

7 (2) congratulates former President Violeta
 8 Barrios de Chamorro for her personal courage and
 9 her commitment to democracy, which have helped
 10 her achieve a profound political and economic transi-
 11 tion in the Republic of Nicaragua;

12 (3) encourages all Nicaraguans to continue to
 13 work together after taking this critical step on the
 14 long road to lasting peace and democracy;

15 (4) recognizes that all Nicaraguans should con-
 16 tinue to work together in order to ensure a stable
 17 democracy, respect for human rights, a free and

1 market-oriented economy, and social justice for all
2 people;

3 (5) reaffirms the commitment of the United
4 States to help the Republic of Nicaragua move to-
5 ward freedom and democracy; and

6 (6) further reaffirms that the United States is
7 strongly committed to encouraging democracy and
8 peaceful development throughout the Western Hemi-
9 sphere.

Passed the House of Representatives March 5,
1997.

Attest:

Clerk.