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H. CON. RES. 18

Congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections held on October 20, 1996.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BALLENGER, and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections held on October 20, 1996.

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 Arnoldo 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
18 market-oriented economy, and social justice for all
19 people;

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

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

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