

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 130

Concerning the situation in Kenya.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 1997

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the situation in Kenya.

Whereas on July 7, 1997, a large and violent confrontation occurred in Kenya when police stormed Nairobi's All-Saints Cathedral and attacked those present at a prayer meeting;

Whereas prodemocracy activists throughout Kenya demonstrated for reform of Kenya's constitution and the repeal of colonial laws;

Whereas the bloody suppression of the constitutional reform rallies and their aftermath resulted in deaths and scores of injuries; and

Whereas colonial laws have given Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi sweeping powers to suppress political opponents throughout his 19-year rule: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) recognizes and commends those Kenyans  
4 who have demonstrated their love of peace, law, and  
5 order;

6            (2) recognizes President Moi's initial response  
7 to domestic and international pressure to allow  
8 meaningful constitutional reform through his recent  
9 meetings with opposition church leaders and his de-  
10 cision to grant permits for opposition rallies;

11           (3) condemns those who are inciting others to  
12 violence, looting, and destroying property;

13           (4) urges an immediate cessation to the violence  
14 in Kenya from all parties;

15           (5) urges the Government of Kenya to take all  
16 necessary and lawful steps to avoid more violence in  
17 the future;

18           (6) calls for the creation of a unified  
19 prodemocracy movement to work toward implement-  
20 ing constitutional, statutory, and administrative re-  
21 forms;

22           (7) urges rapid progress toward conducting free  
23 and fair elections; and

24           (8) urges the United States Government and  
25 the international community to continue to exert

- 1 pressure on the Government of Kenya to ensure a
- 2 lasting and committed transition to democracy.

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