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Whereas the people of Guyana voted on December 15, 1997, to re-elect the ruling party, the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/Civic);

Whereas the Guyanese people showed their strong belief in the democratic process by approximately an 88 percent voter turnout; and

Whereas although international observers such as the Organization of American States (OAS), the Commonwealth, and the International Foundation of Electoral Systems (IFES) have unanimously agreed, based on their observations on election day, that the polling process was free and fair, it has been alleged that violations occurred in the counting process, necessitating an audit of the elections by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates the people of Guyana for
 4 holding multiparty presidential elections;

5 (2) supports the audit of the elections by the
 6 Caribbean Community (CARICOM), an organization
 7 deemed acceptable to all parties;

8 (3) calls on all parties to respect the outcome
 9 of the audit as the final decision and make a vow
 10 to peace and stability in Guyana; and

11 (4) calls on the newly elected president and the
 12 opposition leadership of the Co-operative Republic of
 13 Guyana to respect the rule of law and human rights.

Passed the House of Representatives April 28, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.