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# H. CON. RES. 215

Congratulating the people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1998

Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. BISHOP) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections.

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;

Whereas the main opposition party, the People's National Congress (PNC) has alleged that the elections were not free and fair; 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 by propor-  
 5 tional representation;

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

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

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

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