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H. RES. 544

Congratulating the people of the United Mexican States on the success of their democratic elections held on July 2, 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of the United Mexican States on the success of their democratic elections held on July 2, 2000.

Whereas the United States and Mexico have a long history of close relations and share a wide range of interests;

Whereas the people of the United States and the people of Mexico have extensive cultural and historical ties that bind together families and communities across national boundaries;

Whereas a democratic, peaceful, and prosperous Mexico is of vital importance to the security of the United States;

Whereas a close relationship between the United States and Mexico, based on mutual respect and understanding, is important to the people of both nations;

Whereas Mexican leaders from across the political spectrum and representatives of civil society recognized the need for political and electoral reform and took important steps to achieve these goals;

Whereas on July 2, 2000, nearly two-thirds of all eligible voters in Mexico participated in the national election;

Whereas both domestic and international election observers declared the July 2nd elections to be the fairest and most transparent in Mexico's history;

Whereas the election of Vincente Fox marks the first transition in power at the presidential level in 71 years from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), completing Mexico's transition to a total multi-party democratic system;

Whereas Vincente Fox, the winning presidential candidate, and Ernesto Zedillo, the current president, have both pledged themselves to a peaceful and cooperative transition of power; and

Whereas this transparent, fair and democratic election should be broadly commended: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the people and Government of
3 the United Mexican States for the successful comple-
4 tion of the democratic multiparty elections for presi-
5 dent and the legislature;

1 (2) commends all the citizens and political par-
2 ties of Mexico for their participation in the demo-
3 cratic process and their strong support for the
4 strengthening of their democracy;

5 (3) congratulates President-elect Vincente Fox
6 for his election victory and his strong commitment
7 to democracy and a free-market oriented economy;
8 and

9 (4) reaffirms the United States friendship with
10 the United Mexican States and our unequivocal com-
11 mitment to encouraging democracy throughout Latin
12 America.

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