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Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts.

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Whereas on the morning of January 13, 2001, a devastating and deadly earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter Scale and a depth of 36 miles occurred off the coast of El Salvador, southwest of San Miguel, killing hundreds of people, injuring thousands of people, and displacing approximately 1,000,000 people;

Whereas the earthquake has left damage throughout the country, having caused significant landslides and destruction in 12 of El Salvador's 14 provinces;

Whereas almost 2,000 aftershocks and tremors have been recorded, and they continue to occur;

Whereas on the morning of February 13, 2001, a second devastating and deadly earthquake occurred with a magnitude of 6.6 on the Richter Scale and an epicenter located 15 miles east-southeast of San Salvador, El Salvador, killing more than 250 people, injuring thousands of people, and leaving thousands of other people homeless;

Whereas the people of El Salvador have displayed strength, courage, and determination in the aftermath of these earthquakes;

Whereas the people of the United States and El Salvador have developed a strong friendship based on mutual interests and respect;

Whereas El Salvador has appealed to the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the international community generally for economic assistance to meet the substantial relief and reconstruction needs of that nation in the aftermath of these earthquakes; and

Whereas the United States has offered technical and monetary assistance through the United States Agency for International Development: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (A) deep sympathy for the people of El
2 Salvador for the tragic losses suffered as a re-
3 sult of the earthquakes of January 13, 2001,
4 and February 13, 2001; and

5 (B) support for the efforts of the people of
6 El Salvador to rebuild their homes and lives;

7 (2) expresses support for continuing and sub-
8 stantially increasing, in connection with these earth-
9 quakes, relief and reconstruction assistance provided
10 by relief agencies and the international community,
11 including the World Bank, the Inter-American De-
12 velopment Bank, and the United States Agency for
13 International Development;

14 (3) urges the President to encourage such enti-
15 ties to expedite such assistance; and

16 (4) encourages assistance by other nations and
17 organizations to alleviate the suffering of the people
18 of El Salvador and to assist them in rebuilding their
19 homes and lives.

Passed the House of Representatives March 20,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.