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S. RES. 121

In support of the Angola peace process.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17 (legislative day, MAY 15), 1995

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. HELMS, Mr. PELL, and Mr. SIMON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Angola has suffered one of the most violent and longest-running civil wars;

Whereas the United States was actively engaged in the war in Angola, has provided more than \$200 million in humanitarian assistance to Angola since 1992, and has been a key facilitator on the ongoing peace negotiations;

Whereas Angola is the last civil conflict in southern Africa, and regional leaders including South African President Nelson Mandela consider its resolution to be a top priority;

Whereas an enduring peace in Angola, a potentially wealthy country that is central to regional stability and economic

development, is in the national interest of the United States;

Whereas the Government of Angola and National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) entered into the Lusaka Protocol in November 1994 to secure a U.N.-supervised peace settlement;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council voted in February to send a U.N. peacekeeping mission to Angola to monitor and enforce the peace process, and more than 600 international monitors are deployed throughout the country;

Whereas continuing progress toward peace makes it more likely that further deployment of UNAVEM III will occur soon;

Whereas the meeting between President Eduardo dos Santos and Dr. Jonas Savimbi on May 6, 1995, at which both parties reiterated their commitment to the Lusaka Protocol, demonstrated that they possess the essential political will to resolve outstanding issues, and encouraged all who want peace in Angola;

Whereas achieving a lasting peace will require that all Angolans work together to overcome bitter legacies of war, which include a devastated infrastructure, millions of unexploded landmines, a profound distrust between the parties, weakened civil institutions, a crippled economy, and a generation of young Angolans who have never known a peaceful, civil society; and

Whereas strong leadership is essential to ensure that the wealth of Angola, long spent on war, now is used to consolidate peace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) congratulates the people of Angola for the
2 courageous and determined steps their leaders have
3 taken in support of peace;

4 (2) urges all parties in Angola to continue to
5 strengthen their commitment to the Lusaka process,
6 which constitutes the last, and best, change for se-
7 curing an enduring peace;

8 (3) affirms that the United States will hold
9 both Angolan parties responsible for abiding by their
10 commitment to peace; and

11 (4) calls upon the international community to
12 remain actively engaged in support of national rec-
13 onciliation, removal of landmines, economic develop-
14 ment, and democratization in Angola.

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