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H. CON. RES. 88

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BALLENGER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997.

Whereas on March 16, 1997, the Republic of El Salvador successfully completed democratic, multiparty elections for 84 national legislative assembly seats and 262 mayoral and municipal council posts;

Whereas these elections were deemed by international and domestic observers to be free and fair and a legitimate non-violent expression of the will of the people of the Republic of El Salvador;

Whereas the United States has consistently supported the efforts of the people of El Salvador to consolidate their democracy and to implement the provisions of the 1992 peace accords;

Whereas these elections demonstrate the strength and diversity of El Salvador's democratic expression and promotes confidence that all political parties can work cooperatively in the new assembly and at the municipal level; and

Whereas these open, fair, and democratic elections of the new assembly and at the municipal level should be broadly commended: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates the Government and the peo-
4 ple of the Republic of El Salvador for the successful
5 completion of democratic, multiparty elections held
6 on March 16, 1997, for 84 national legislative as-
7 sembly seats and 262 mayoral and municipal council
8 posts;

9 (2) congratulates El Salvadoran President
10 Armando Calderón Sol for his personal commitment
11 to democracy, which has helped in the building of
12 national unity in the Republic of El Salvador;

13 (3) commends all Salvadorans for their efforts
14 to work together to take risks for democracy and to
15 willfully pursue national reconciliation in order to ce-
16 ment a lasting peace and democratic traditions in El
17 Salvador;

18 (4) supports Salvadoran attempts to continue
19 their cooperation in order to ensure democracy, na-
20 tional reconciliation, and economic prosperity; and

1 (5) reaffirms that the United States is un-
2 equivocally committed to encouraging democracy and
3 peaceful development throughout Central America.

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