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Congratulating the people of Jamaica on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of their nation's independence and expressing support for the continuation of strong ties between Jamaica and the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Jamaica on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of their nation's independence and expressing support for the continuation of strong ties between Jamaica and the United States.

Whereas on August 6, 1962, the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain;

Whereas the people of Jamaica will celebrate their 35th anniversary of independence during a four-day "Emancipation Day" celebration from August 1 to August 4, 1997;

Whereas the people of Jamaica have practiced a representative democracy for 53 years since the establishment of internal self-governance in 1944;

Whereas under the Administration of Prime Ministers Michael Manley and PJ Patterson, Jamaica has played a leadership role in stimulating trade-based economic development, promoting democracy, fighting the illicit narcotics trade, and fostering the observance of human rights in the Caribbean region;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans are of Jamaican descent, and Jamaican-Americans have made a rich contribution to our society;

Whereas Jamaica and the United States benefit from a healthy commercial relationship that, in 1996, exceeded \$2,300,000,000; and

Whereas Jamaica and the United States enjoy strong cultural and social links: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the people of Jamaica on the
3 occasion of the 35th anniversary of Jamaica's inde-
4 pendence from Great Britain;

5 (2) celebrates the strong, entrenched tradition
6 of democratic governance in Jamaica;

7 (3) recognizes the richness of the contribution
8 to United States of economic, political, social, and
9 cultural life by Americans of Jamaican descent;

10 (4) commends the Government of Jamaica for
11 its efforts to promote stability and economic growth
12 in the Caribbean region; and

1 (5) looks forward to the continuance of strong
2 relations and cooperation between the United States
3 and Jamaica.

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