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Congratulating the people and Government of Sri Lanka on the success of the recent Presidential election despite terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people and Government of Sri Lanka on the success of the recent Presidential election despite terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

Whereas on December 21, 1999, Sri Lanka held its Presidential elections, pursuant to which the incumbent President, Mrs. Chandrika Kumaratunga, was re-elected to a second 6-year term with 51.12 percent of the vote;

Whereas the final days of the campaign were marred by a terrorist attack in which President Kumaratunga was injured, and a total of 22 people were killed and more than 100 others injured in that attack and in another terrorist incident;

Whereas these attacks have been attributed to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), an organization that has been waging a violent campaign against the Sri Lanka Government for more than 25 years;

Whereas the LTTE has been designated a terrorist organization by the United States State Department;

Whereas despite this shadow of violence, 8,600,000 of Sri Lanka's 11,800,000 registered voters cast ballots, for an impressive voter turnout of 73 percent, demonstrating the strong commitment of the Sri Lankan people to democracy and their refusal to be intimidated by terrorism;

Whereas international observers, invited by the Sri Lankan Government, monitored the election; and

Whereas Mrs. Kumaratunga, in her address to the nation, pledged to combat terrorism, urged her compatriots to join her in establishing peace, and asked her main rival in the Presidential race to join her in building a consensus to achieve these goals: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates the people and Government of
4 Sri Lanka for conducting the recent democratic elec-
5 tion, despite terrorist attacks on the President and
6 others;

7 (2) condemns all acts of terrorism; and

- 1 (3) urges all parties to the internal conflict in
- 2 Sri Lanka to resolve the conflict on the basis of
- 3 democratic principles, good will, and nonviolence.

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