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H. RES. 160

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of Panama on successfully completing free and democratic elections on May 2, 1999.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of Panama on successfully completing free and democratic elections on May 2, 1999.

Whereas on May 2, 1999, the Republic of Panama successfully completed its second democratic multiparty elections for President and Vice President since the termination of the military government in 1989;

Whereas these elections demonstrate the strength and diversity of Panama's democratic expression and promote confidence that all political parties can work cooperatively at every level of government;

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 Panama;

Whereas the United States has consistently supported the efforts of the people of Panama to strengthen their democracy and to provide economic development and social justice; and

Whereas these open, fair, and democratic elections of the new President and Vice President should be broadly commended: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the Government and the people of the Republic of Panama for the successful completion of democratic multiparty elections held on May 2, 1999, for President and Vice President;

3 (2) congratulates President-elect Mireya Moscoso on her recent victory and her continued strong commitment to democracy and a free market-oriented economy;

4 (3) commends all Panamanian citizens and political parties for their efforts to work together to take risks for democracy and to willfully pursue national reconciliation in order to strengthen democratic traditions in Panama;

5 (4) supports Panamanian attempts to continue their cooperation in order to ensure democracy, national 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 Latin America.

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