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S. RES. 73

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MARCH 23, 1999

Reported by Mr. HELMS, without amendment

MARCH 23, 1999

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

Whereas on March 7, 1999, the Republic of El Salvador successfully completed its second democratic multiparty elections for President and Vice President since the signing of the 1992 peace accords;

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 promote confidence that all political parties can work cooperatively at every level of government; 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 Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Government and the peo-
3 ple of the Republic of El Salvador for the successful
4 completion of democratic multiparty elections held
5 on March 7, 1999, for President and Vice President;

6 (2) congratulates President-elect Francisco
7 Guillermo Flores Perez and Vice President-elect
8 Carlos Quintanilla Schmidt on their recent victory
9 and their continued strong commitment to democ-
10 racy, national reconciliation, and reconstruction;

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

15 (4) commends all Salvadoran citizens and polit-
16 ical parties for their efforts to work together to take

1 risks for democracy and to willfully pursue national
2 reconciliation in order to cement a lasting peace and
3 to strengthen democratic traditions in El Salvador;

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

7 (6) reaffirms that the United States is un-
8 equivocally committed to encouraging democracy and
9 peaceful development throughout Central America.

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