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S. RES. 365

Congratulating the people of Brazil on the completion of peaceful, free,
and fair elections in Brazil and the election of President da Silva.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Brazil on the completion of
peaceful, free, and fair elections in Brazil and the elec-
tion of President da Silva.

Whereas, in October 2002, the people of Brazil completed
peaceful, free, and fair elections of a President and other
officials of their country;

Whereas Luiz Inacio “Lula” da Silva, candidate of Brazil’s
Worker’s Party, was elected President of Brazil on Octo-
ber 27, 2002, receiving 52,793,364 votes, representing
61.27 percent of the votes cast;

Whereas Brazil utilized a new nationwide computerized vot-
ing system, which enabled the tallying of approximately
100,000,000 votes in less than 10 hours, including votes
cast in areas that are accessible only by boat or plane;

Whereas Brazil has a population of 174,500,000, making it the eighth most populous nation in the world and the most populous nation in Latin America;

Whereas Brazil's diversified economy is the eighth largest in the world, and Brazil's gross domestic product, which was \$540,000,000,000 in 2001, is the largest in Latin America;

Whereas Brazil plays a critical regional leadership role in Latin America within the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (commonly known as the "Rio Treaty"), the Latin American Integration Association, and Mercosur/Mercosul (Southern Common Market), and is one of the guarantors of the Peru-Ecuador peace process;

Whereas Brazil has been a member of the United Nations Security Council four times, most recently from 1998 through 2000, has contributed troops to several United Nations peacekeeping missions, and is an active participant in international cooperation and commerce as a party to numerous international treaties and conventions;

Whereas the economic relationship between Brazil and the United States is substantial and growing, with United States direct foreign investment increasing from less than \$19,000,000,000 in 1994 to an estimated \$35,000,000,000 in 2000, United States exports to Brazil increasing from \$8,100,000,000 in 1994 to \$15,900,000,000 in 2001, and United States imports from Brazil increasing from \$8,700,000,000 in 1994 to \$14,500,000,000 in 2001;

Whereas Brazil will play a critical role in the continuing negotiations related to the creation of a Free Trade Area

of the Americas, which the United States and Brazil will co-chair during the next two years;

Whereas the United States and Brazil have a long history of friendly relations beginning when the United States became the first country to recognize Brazil's independence in 1822;

Whereas Brazil led the parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance in stating on September 11, 2001, that the attacks on the United States on that date were attacks on all American States;

Whereas there are an estimated 50,000 United States citizens residing in Brazil, and some 150,000 United States citizens visit Brazil each year;

Whereas the United States and Brazil have entered into many agreements together, including the Education Partnership Agreement, the Technical Safeguards Agreement, the Common Agenda on the Environment, and agreements to cooperate in matters relating to energy, the international space station, national parks, and government reform; and

Whereas cooperation between the United States and Brazil on several counter-narcotics efforts, including the United States training of Brazilian counter-narcotics agents and Operation Cobra in northern Brazil, has increased significantly in recent years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the people of Brazil on suc-
3 cessfully completing peaceful, free, and fair elections
4 on October 6, 2002, and October 27, 2002;

1 (2) congratulates President-elect Luiz Inacio
2 “Lula” da Silva on his electoral victory and wel-
3 comes him as a democratic partner in the numerous
4 bilateral and multilateral efforts to which the United
5 States and Brazil are parties;

6 (3) endorses President Bush’s invitation of
7 President-elect da Silva to Washington, District of
8 Columbia, which will result in a meeting between the
9 two leaders on December 10, 2002;

10 (4) urges President Bush and President-elect
11 da Silva to pursue policies on economic, security,
12 drug enforcement, and other matters of mutual in-
13 terest to Brazil and the United States that will con-
14 tinue to strengthen the relationship between the peo-
15 ple and governments of the two countries; and

16 (5) pledges the Senate’s continued support for
17 a strong and friendly economic, political, and cul-
18 tural relationship between the United States and
19 Brazil based on shared values.

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