

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 941

Honoring the service of Gerard Latortue, Haiti's Interim Prime Minister.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2006

Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. FOLEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Honoring the service of Gerard Latortue, Haiti's Interim
Prime Minister.

Whereas Gerard Latortue was born on June 19, 1934, in
Gonaives, Haiti;

Whereas Gerard Latortue worked as a lawyer and law pro-
fessor in Haiti after studying politics and economics in
Paris, France;

Whereas Gerard Latortue co-founded the Institute of Eco-
nomics and Business Study so that Haitians could study
economics locally;

Whereas Gerard Latortue served as an official with the
United Nations Industrial Development Organization in
Africa;

Whereas Gerard Latortue served as Haiti's Foreign Minister
in 1988;

Whereas Gerard Latortue hosted talk shows on South Florida's Haitian Television Network;

Whereas the seven-member Haitian Council of Sages appointed Gerard Latortue as Interim Prime Minister on March 9, 2004;

Whereas Gerard Latortue was sworn in as Interim Prime Minister on March 12, 2004;

Whereas Gerard Latortue worked to eliminate political cronyism and corruption in the Haitian civil service;

Whereas Gerard Latortue collaborated with officials of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration on counternarcotics initiatives;

Whereas Gerard Latortue sought to restore international relations;

Whereas Gerard Latortue promoted and oversaw free elections for a democratic Haiti; and

Whereas on February 7, 2006, over two million Haitian citizens went to the polls to elect a permanent and democratic government: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the people of the Republic of
3 Haiti for holding peaceful and democratic elections
4 on February 7, 2006, resulting in the election of
5 President Rene Preval and Prime Minister Jacques-
6 Edouard Alexis;

7 (2) expresses appreciation to Gerard Latortue
8 for his service to Haiti during a tumultuous period
9 of civil unrest; and

1 (3) recognizes Gerard Latortue's tenure as In-
2 terim Prime Minister of Haiti from March 12, 2004,
3 to June 9, 2006.

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