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S. RES. 174

Recognizing Burmese democracy activist and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi as a symbol of the struggle for freedom in Burma.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2005

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Burmese democracy activist and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi as a symbol of the struggle for freedom in Burma.

Whereas June 19, 2005 marks the 60th birthday of Burmese democracy activist and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi;

Whereas Burma is misruled by the State Peace and Development Council, an illegitimate, repressive military junta led by General Than Shwe;

Whereas although the main opposition party in Burma, the National League for Democracy, won a landslide victory in national elections in 1990, the State Peace and Development Council has refused to honor the results of that election and peacefully transfer power in Burma;

Whereas the State Peace and Development Council as a matter of policy carries out a campaign of violence and intimidation against the people of Burma and ethnic minorities that includes the use of rape, torture, and terror;

Whereas hundreds of democracy activists, including Aung San Suu Kyi who is the leader of the National League for Democracy, remain imprisoned by the repressive State Peace and Development Council; and

Whereas the United States and other democratic countries recognize and applaud the dedication and commitment to freedom demonstrated by Aung San Suu Kyi and the people of Burma: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes Burmese democracy activist and
3 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi as
4 a symbol of the spirit and dedication of the people
5 of Burma who are courageously and nonviolently
6 struggling for freedom, human rights, and justice;

7 (2) calls for the immediate and unconditional
8 release of Aung San Suu Kyi and all other prisoners
9 of conscience who are held by the State Peace and
10 Development Council, the illegitimate, repressive
11 military junta in power in Burma; and

12 (3) strongly urges Secretary of State
13 Condoleezza Rice to initiate a discussion of the re-
14 pressive practices of the State Peace and Develop-
15 ment Council during the 12th Association of South-
16 east Asian Nations regional forum and post-ministe-

- 1 rial meeting scheduled to take place in Vientiane,
- 2 Laos on July 29, 2005.

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