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S. RES. 89

Relating to restoration of democracy in Haiti.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Relating to restoration of democracy in Haiti.

Whereas the Republic of Haiti is the second oldest republic in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas in their 188-year history the people of Haiti have long suffered under the yoke of tyranny and dictatorship;

Whereas in 1986 the Haitian people rose up against injustice to overthrow President-for-Life Jean Claude Duvalier;

Whereas the people of Haiti have repeatedly demonstrated their desire for full participatory democracy and economic opportunity for all Haitians;

Whereas these yearnings culminated in the December 16, 1990 election of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in the first free, fair, and open elections in the history of the Republic;

Whereas a military junta subsequently seized power illegally and forced President Aristide into exile;

Whereas the people of Haiti have suffered anew under the brutality and oppression of the current military-backed regime;

Whereas conditions in Haiti are forcing record numbers of Haitians to flee their country under the most dangerous of conditions;

Whereas the flood of Haitian refugees threatens to overwhelm the ability of the United States and other nations in the region to pursue a constructive long-term policy toward Haiti;

Whereas the trade embargo imposed on Haiti by the Organization of American States (OAS) on October 8, 1990 has to date proven largely ineffective;

Whereas the movement toward democracy which has recently swept the Western Hemisphere has greatly benefited the peoples of the Caribbean and Latin America; and

Whereas the continuing terror and oppression in Haiti are imical to democracy in the Western Hemisphere, and the refugee crisis caused thereby contributes to regional instability: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That (a) it is the sense of the Senate that
2 the highest priority of United States policy toward Haiti
3 should be to restore democratic government without fur-
4 ther delay.

5 (b) The Senate urges the President—
6 (1) to join with the Senate in expressing the
7 outrage of the American people over the Haitian

1 regime's brutal attempt to deny the hard-won fruits
2 of democracy to its people;

3 (2) to review immediately the compliance of
4 United States persons and corporations with the
5 OAS-sponsored embargo of Haiti;

6 (3) to implement promptly whatever measures
7 are necessary to ensure maximum compliance with
8 the embargo;

9 (4) to give special priority to preventing oil
10 from evading the embargo;

11 (5) to request that the United Nations Security
12 Council join with the OAS in sponsoring an embargo
13 against the Haitian regime;

14 (6) to assist the United Nations in expanding
15 the number of its human rights observers in Haiti
16 from 40 to the 500 originally proposed by United
17 Nations special envoy Dante Caputo;

18 (7) to establish as the policy of the United
19 States that Haitian refugees will be granted the
20 same consideration and protection afforded to those
21 fleeing other oppressive regimes around the world;

22 (8) to urge other Caribbean nations to share
23 the burden of sheltering and accepting Haitian refu-
24 gees;

3 (10) to develop a long-term United States pol-
4 icy toward Haiti which places a priority on building
5 and supporting the institutions of a civil and demo-
6 cratic society.

7 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to the President.

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