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S. RES. 276

Congratulating the people of Mongolia on embracing democracy in Mongolia through their participation in the parliamentary elections held on June 30, 1996.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 1996

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. PELL, Mr. HATFIELD, and Mr. BUMPERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 24, 1996

Reported by Mr. HELMS, without amendment

SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people of Mongolia on embracing democracy in Mongolia through their participation in the parliamentary elections held on June 30, 1996.

Whereas Mongolia conducted elections on June 30, 1996, for its unicameral national parliament, the Great Hural;

Whereas Mongolian voters cast their ballots in a peaceful and orderly fashion at 1590 polling places, choosing from among 351 candidates representing 11 different parties and coalitions;

Whereas the primary issues facing Mongolian voters were the scope and pace of continued democratization and economic liberalization;

Whereas the former Communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) suffered a dramatic and unexpected loss at the polls, and the Democratic Union Coalition won majority control of the Great Hural;

Whereas the Democratic Union Coalition espoused a policy of strengthening democratic institutions, implementing free market economic reforms, and strengthening the independence of the judiciary;

Whereas voter turnout exceeded 87 percent according to preliminary reports;

Whereas an international election observation team led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker traveled to nine different areas of Mongolia to observe pre-election day preparations and Mongolian citizens voting on election day; and

Whereas the United States election observers judged the election to be free, peaceful, and fair, with the results respected by all sides: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby congratulates the

2 people of Mongolia for—

3 (1) overwhelmingly embracing democracy
4 through their participation in the June 30, 1996,
5 elections for the national parliament, the Great
6 Hural;

7 (2) conducting free, fair, and credible elections;

1 (3) continuing to build on the progress of the
2 past and moving further away from their previous
3 dependence on a communist system; and

4 (4) serving as an example to the peoples of
5 East Asia who seek further democratization of their
6 countries.

7 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
8 a copy of this resolution to the President with the request
9 that he further transmit such copy to the Government of
10 Mongolia.

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