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# H. RES. 215

Recognizing the successful struggle of the people of Jamaica for their nation's independence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the successful struggle of the people of Jamaica for their nation's independence.

Whereas on August 6, 1962, the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain;

Whereas the people of Jamaica will celebrate the anniversary of their nation's independence from August 1 to August 4, 1997;

Whereas the people of Jamaica have practiced a representative democracy for 53 years since the establishment of internal self-governance in 1944;

Whereas, under the Administration of Prime Ministers Michael Manley and P.J. Patterson, Jamaica has played a leadership role in stimulating trade-based economic development, promoting democracy, fighting illicit narcotics

trade, and fostering the observance of human rights in the Caribbean region;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans are of Jamaican descent and Jamaican-Americans have made a rich contribution to our society;

Whereas Jamaica and the United States benefit from a healthy commercial relationship that exceeded \$2,300,000,000 in 1996; and

Whereas Jamaica and the United States enjoy strong cultural and social links: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) recognizes the successful struggle of the
- 3       people of Jamaica for their nation's independence
- 4       from Great Britain;
- 5               (2) celebrates the strong and entrenched tradi-
- 6       tion of democratic governance in Jamaica; and
- 7               (3) recognizes the richness of the contribution
- 8       by Jamaican-Americans to the economic, political,
- 9       social, and cultural life of the United States.

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