

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 941

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

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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

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## 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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