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Calling for the United States to propose and seek an international conservatorship in Haiti.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the United States to propose and seek an international conservatorship in Haiti.

Whereas the overthrow of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the subsequent domestic turmoil has been the subject of enormous concern to the international community;

Whereas Resolution 1080 of the Organization of American States, the Santiago Declaration, affirms the right to promote democracy, stability, peace, and development in the hemisphere;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has implemented a fuel and arms embargo in an effort to bring about political change in Haiti;

Whereas the United States Government has frozen assets and revoked the travel privileges of individuals associated with the ruling junta in Haiti;

Whereas the June 1993 Governors Island Accord, which would have resulted in the retirement of General Cedras, the return of constitutional government, and a comprehensive package of international development assistance, collapsed before implementation as a result of intransigence on the part of the Haitian military;

Whereas human suffering among the Haitian people has continued to escalate, with only 43 percent of the population having access to safe water, and an infant mortality rate of 95 per 100 births;

Whereas cases of malaria, typhoid fever, and acute respiratory infection have significantly increased over the last year;

Whereas international humanitarian assistance efforts have been able to provide food for no more than 19 percent of the Haitian population, and this lack of access has resulted in a dramatic increase in malnutrition;

Whereas the internal means to respond to the humanitarian needs of the Haitian population is virtually nonexistent;

Whereas even if the military junta were to surrender power, Haiti would remain a food-deficit nation with a chronically unstable political and economic environment;

Whereas the political and civilian leadership of Haiti lack the tools and the training to reassert public order and provide basic human services;

Whereas Haiti is appropriately categorized as one of the most ecologically distressed areas in the world;

Whereas Haiti's condition and that of its people suggest it is a tragically classic failed nation state; and

Whereas concerted international efforts will be required to develop the economic and political institutions necessary to permit Haiti to sustain its population and restore economic, social, and political progress: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That*

3 (1) it should be the policy of the United States
4 at the United Nations, the Organization of American
5 States, and other international bodies to support
6 and advocate the creation of an international
7 conservatorship for Haiti;

8 (2) such an international conservatorship
9 should be responsible for, among other things, co-
10 ordinating and administering the proper delivery of
11 bilateral assistance from international financial insti-
12 tutions;

13 (3) the international conservatorship should be
14 of a fixed duration, and should seek to rebuild the
15 political, economic, and social institutions that are
16 the basic prerequisites of an effective government
17 and sustainable development;

18 (4) the international conservatorship should be
19 established only if the Haitian elected officials and
20 senior military officers voluntarily surrender to a

1 properly designated international institution the re-
2 sponsibility for administering public services, includ-
3 ing security and military affairs;

4 (5) the properly elected civilian leadership of
5 Haiti should agree to work on domestic policy mat-
6 ters in the closest possible way with the inter-
7 national conservatorship; and

8 (6) the international conservatorship should be
9 created under the authority of the United Nations
10 Security Council, operating subject to a resolution
11 adopted by the Security Council and a budget ap-
12 proved by the United Nations General Assembly.

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