

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 294

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the situation in Burundi.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1993

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the situation in Burundi.

Whereas Burundi has a long history of military rule and ethnic conflict between the majority Hutu and the minority Tutsi tribes;

Whereas on March 9, 1992, the people of Burundi adopted a democratic constitution, leading to Burundi's first multiparty elections on June 1, 1993, through which Melchoir Ndadaye was overwhelmingly elected president in a free and fair election;

Whereas President Ndadaye had shown his commitment to ethnic reconciliation and democracy by appointing many

members of the opposition party to key government posts;

Whereas recent years have also witnessed a period of ethnic reconciliation in Burundi in large part because of policies implemented by former President Buyoya;

Whereas as October 21, 1993, President Ndadaye and several of his cabinet ministers were murdered by the leaders of an attempted coup d'etat;

Whereas the attempted coup and the murder of President Ndadaye have sparked ethnic violence in which several thousand people may have died; and

Whereas the ethnic violence has forced approximately 500,000 Burundians to flee their country into neighboring Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zaire: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns the attempted coup
3 d'etat in Burundi and the murder of President
4 Ndadaye and his cabinet ministers;

5 (2) calls for the installation of the democrat-
6 ically elected government in Burundi as soon as
7 possible;

8 (3) commends the people of Burundi for their
9 commitment to democracy as evidenced by their
10 adoption of a constitution and their participation in
11 free and fair elections;

12 (4) urges the people of Burundi to help end the
13 ethnic violence that has inflicted untold suffering on
14 innocent civilians;

1 (5) calls on the military authorities to restore
2 law and order and hand over power to the democrat-
3 ically elected civilian government;

4 (6) encourages the people of Burundi to con-
5 tinue their commitment to ethnic reconciliation and
6 democracy;

7 (7) commends the Clinton administration and
8 the international community in general for the
9 prompt condemnation of the October 21, 1993, at-
10 tempted coup;

11 (8) calls on the Organization of African Unity
12 to assist in restoring democracy and ending the eth-
13 nic strife in Burundi;

14 (9) calls upon the international community to
15 assist the Organization of African Unity in its ef-
16 forts to restore democracy and end ethnic violence in
17 Burundi; and

18 (10) calls on the international community
19 to provide humanitarian assistance to the peo-
20 ple of Burundi.

○