

H. Res. 610

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 20, 1998

Whereas the Republic of Mozambique suffered from armed conflict for 30 years, first against Portuguese colonialism and then a brutal civil war between the FRELIMO government and RENAMO rebels;

Whereas up to one-third of Mozambique's 17,000,000 people were forced to flee their homes as refugees or internal displaced persons as a result of the civil war;

Whereas the two sides to the civil conflict reached a peace accord in 1992 and democratic elections were held in 1994 with the participation of all major political groups;

Whereas both the government of President Joachim Alberto Chissano and opposition parties have participated positively in Mozambique's representative democracy;

Whereas both the government and the opposition have made considerable strides in building a defense force that is representative of the Mozambican people;

Whereas Mozambique has rejected its communist economic policies, embraced free market principles, privatized many state enterprises, encouraged foreign investment and now enjoys one of Africa's highest economic growth rates at 8 percent per year; and

Whereas Mozambique is a fertile market for United States investment and trade: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the achievements of the
3 Mozambican people in overcoming political and eco-
4 nomic obstacles to become a model of reconciliation
5 and development;

6 (2) applauds those who have led Mozambique
7 toward political reconciliation and away from armed
8 conflict;

9 (3) commends the people of Mozambique for
10 continuing to support democracy and democratic in-
11 stitutions;

12 (4) calls upon United States Government agen-
13 cies to continue to work with their Mozambican
14 counterparts in forging a close bilateral relationship;

15 (5) calls on the Government of Mozambique to
16 continue to be a model of democracy, economic liber-
17 alization, and respect for human rights; and

18 (6) calls those nations in the world torn by civil
19 strife to look toward the example of Mozambique for

- 1 the benefits of political reconciliation and peaceful
- 2 economic development.

Attest:

Clerk.