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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that criminals from the genocide in Rwanda should be brought to justice by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BE-REUTER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. CUMMINGS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that criminals from the genocide in Rwanda should be brought to justice by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Whereas the world community should not tolerate crimes against humanity or any other serious violations of international humanitarian law;

Whereas war criminals who were responsible for the most horrendous crimes against humanity the world has ever witnessed were brought to justice with trials in Nuremberg, Germany;

Whereas the world community has witnessed in Rwanda genocide, systematic mass murders, violations of the human rights of individuals, and many other crimes against humanity;

Whereas there is no place in the world community for individuals who perpetrate, order, or condone crimes against humanity;

Whereas swift and effective justice is the most effective deterrent against the recurrence of crimes against humanity; and

Whereas justice is and can be the only foundation for a lasting peace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the perpetrators of genocide and other
4 crimes against humanity and violations of fun-
5 damental human rights in Rwanda should be con-
6 demned and that the international community and
7 the United States should provide the resources to
8 avoid unnecessary and damaging delay in the justice
9 process;

10 (2) those individuals who have been indicted by
11 the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
12 should be prosecuted by the Tribunal for their
13 crimes;

14 (3) close coordination between the International
15 Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Rwandan na-

1 tional justice system is needed because many individ-
2 uals who have been indicted by the Tribunal are
3 being held for potential prosecution in the Rwandan
4 national justice system;

5 (4) all countries should take the appropriate
6 measures necessary to ensure that those individuals
7 indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for
8 Rwanda found within the borders of such countries
9 be apprehended and turned over to the Tribunal for
10 prosecution; and

11 (5) the President should instruct the United
12 States representative to the United Nations to use
13 the voice and vote of the United States in the Unit-
14 ed Nations Security Council to ensure that such in-
15 dicted individuals are apprehended and prosecuted.

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