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Expressing the support of the United States Congress for the initial efforts of President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico to eliminate drug-related and other corruption within the political system of Mexico and urging the President of the United States to encourage President Zedillo to continue with reforms, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 12 (legislative day, OCTOBER 10), 1995

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the support of the United States Congress for the initial efforts of President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico to eliminate drug-related and other corruption within the political system of Mexico and urging the President of the United States to encourage President Zedillo to continue with reforms, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States and Mexico share a 2,000-mile border and economic relations between the two nations are increasing;

Whereas Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo has stated his commitment to “create a nation of law,” combat drug

trafficking, investigate political assassinations, and punish official malfeasance;

Whereas President Zedillo's appointed an opposition party member, Antonio Lozano, as attorney general, the first opposition member in the Cabinet;

Whereas the Government of Mexico has taken steps to end impunity by arresting Raul Salinas, the brother of former President Carlos Salinas, for his involvement in the murder of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, and by requesting the extradition of Mario Ruiz Massieu, former deputy attorney general, for his alleged tampering with evidence in the investigation into the murder of his brother and for accepting money from drug traffickers;

Whereas the investigations of the assassinations of Cardinal Posadas, PRI presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, and PRI General Secretary Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu remain unresolved;

Whereas elements of Mexico's bureaucracy are engaged in drug-related and other corruption, including collaborating with drug traffickers who pay for protection, allowing the drug trade to proliferate and threatening United States and Mexican security;

Whereas Mexico is both a major transit point for drugs produced in South America and elsewhere, and a production source of much of the marijuana and heroin shipped into the United States;

Whereas increased drug enforcement efforts in the southeastern United States have achieved some positive results;

Whereas drug smuggling activity has increased along the U.S.-Mexican border; and

Whereas, despite President Zedillo's initial efforts, actions by the Government of Mexico have not pursued aggressively President Zedillo's public commitments to eliminate impunity for former and current government officials: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (a) the Congress recognizes the initial steps
4 taken by the Mexican Government of President
5 Ernesto Zedillo to investigate drug-related and other
6 corruption in Mexico; and

7 (b) it is the sense of the Congress that—

8 (1) the President of the United States
9 should encourage and support President
10 Zedillo's efforts to create an independent Mexi-
11 can judicial body to evaluate the financial hold-
12 ings of former and present Mexican officials;

13 (2) the President of the United States
14 should encourage and support President
15 Zedillo's efforts to investigate to the fullest ex-
16 tent possible corruption and economic malfea-
17 sance in an effort to bring about a true democ-
18 racy in Mexico;

19 (3) the United States Congress should pur-
20 sue efforts to strengthen relations with the
21 Mexican Congress;

1 (4) the Attorney General of the United
2 States should pursue greater cooperation with
3 the Mexican Government to investigate cross-
4 border corruption and to provide protection for
5 those willing to come forward publicly;

6 (5) the President of the United States and
7 senior United States officials should encourage
8 and support efforts by President Zedillo to in-
9 vestigate vigorously the killings of Cardinal
10 Juan Posadas in May 1993, PRI presidential
11 candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio in March 1994,
12 and PRI Secretary General Jose Francisco
13 Ruiz Massieu in September 1994;

14 (6) the Government of Mexico should re-
15 place and prosecute corrupt regional police com-
16 manders;

17 (7) the Mexican people have the support of
18 the United States in efforts to eliminate illegal
19 drug trafficking on both sides of the United
20 States-Mexico border; and

21 (8) the interdiction of illegal narcotics
22 should be a top priority for the United States
23 in its management of the U.S.-Mexican border.

- 1 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
- 2 a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President.

