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# H. RES. 469

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding assistance to Mexico to combat wildfires, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. DELAY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. FROST, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. MANTON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. TURNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas fires in Mexico and Central America have burned over 1,000,000 acres in recent weeks;

Whereas the severe drought causing the fires shows no signs of ending;

Whereas smoke from these fires has spread to the United States, and the pollution caused by the smoke will likely lead to an increased incidence of respiratory health problems;

Whereas the United States has a Cooperative Fire Suppression Agreement with Canada to address the issue of fires occurring along the border between the two countries;

Whereas in the past fires starting in Mexico have grown out of control and have spread into the United States; and

Whereas both the United States Forest Service and the Mexican Forest Service have expressed an interest in having a cooperative fire suppression agreement between the United States and Mexico: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING ASSIST-**  
 3                                   **ANCE TO MEXICO TO COMBAT WILDFIRES.**

4       It is the sense of the House of Representatives that  
 5 the President of the United States should provide, from  
 6 funds available for such purposes, the necessary assistance  
 7 to Mexico, including disaster relief assistance, to extin-  
 8 guish the wildfires currently burning in Mexico and Cen-  
 9 tral America.

10       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING A COOPERATIVE**  
 11                                   **FIRE SUPPRESSION AGREEMENT WITH MEX-**  
 12                                   **ICO.**

13       It is further the sense of the House of Representa-  
 14 tives that the United States should initiate negotiations  
 15 with Mexico at the earliest date possible in order to come  
 16 to a mutually beneficial agreement as soon as possible ad-

- 1 dressing the concerns of both countries in suppressing
- 2 fires occurring along the border between the two countries.

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