

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 199

To commend the signing of a cease-fire agreement and to urge a swift solution to the crisis in Sierra Leone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. LEE, and Mr. CONYERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

To commend the signing of a cease-fire agreement and to urge a swift solution to the crisis in Sierra Leone.

Whereas on May 18, 1999, President Kabbah of Sierra Leone and Foday Sankoh, leader of the Revolutionary United Front, signed a cease-fire agreement in Lomé, Togo, toward a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Sierra Leone;

Whereas the negotiations occurred under the auspices of President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Togo;

Whereas President Kabbah and Foday Sankoh desire to promote the ongoing dialog process with a view to establishing durable peace and stability in Sierra Leone;

Whereas the parties agreed that a dialog for peace would commence on May 25, 1999;

Whereas the parties jointly agreed that each would refrain from any acts that may undermine the peace process;

Whereas the parties jointly agreed that there would be an immediate release of all prisoners of war and noncombatants; and

Whereas the parties have made a commitment to start negotiations in good faith no later than May 25, 1999, in Lomé, Togo: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes and commends those Sierra  
3       Leoneans who have demonstrated their love for  
4       peace, law, and order;

5               (2) supports the signing of a cease-fire, on May  
6       18, 1999, in Lomé, Togo, by President Kabbah and  
7       Foday Sankoh;

8               (3) urges all parties to remain constructively  
9       engaged in the peace process;

10              (4) urges all parties to make rapid progress to  
11       bring into effect a peaceful and lasting solution to  
12       the crisis;

13              (5) commends—

14                      (A) Rev. Jesse Jackson, the United States  
15       Presidential Special Envoy, for the promotion  
16       of democracy in Africa; and

17                      (B) Gnassingbe Eyadema, President of  
18       Togo, Adwoa Coleman, representative of the  
19       Organization of African Unity, and Francis G.

1 Okelo, special representative of the Secretary  
2 General, for their involvement in bringing about  
3 this peace process;

4 (6) encourages all parties to fully implement  
5 the Abidjan Peace Accords;

6 (7) urges the United States Government to ap-  
7 point a Special Envoy for Sierra Leone; and

8 (8) urges the United States Government and  
9 the international community to continue to work  
10 with all parties to ensure a lasting peace that will  
11 end the conflict in Sierra Leone.

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