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H. CON. RES. 117

Expressing sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers of Veronica
“Roni” Bowers and Charity Bowers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2001

Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GEKAS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. UPTON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. PITTS, Mr. CAMP, Mr. OSE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MICA, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. CANTOR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

MAY 1, 2001

The Committee on International Relations discharged; considered and agreed
to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers
of Veronica “Roni” Bowers and Charity Bowers.

Whereas James and Veronica “Roni” Bowers of Muskegon,
Michigan, served as missionaries affiliated with the Cal-
vary Church of Fruitport, Michigan, and the Association
of Baptists for World Evangelism;

Whereas the Bowerses conducted their Christian mission work with their children, Cory and Charity, serving the native tribes along the Amazon River in Peru since 1995;

Whereas on Friday, April 20, 2001, the Bowerses were flying in an Association of Baptists for World Evangelism plane piloted by Kevin Donaldson, traveling from the Peru-Brazil border to the city of Iquitos, Peru, after attempting to secure necessary visa documents for their adopted daughter, Charity;

Whereas the plane was mistakenly attacked by a fighter jet of the Peruvian Air Force in an apparent attempted anti-drug interdiction effort that may have also involved personnel of the United States;

Whereas Roni and Charity Bowers were killed, and pilot Kevin Donaldson was severely injured in the attack;

Whereas Kevin Donaldson, despite his injuries, was able to safely land his plane on the Amazon River, saving the lives of his other passengers; and

Whereas the family, friends, and co-workers of Roni and Charity Bowers have displayed a shining example of their faith and grace in the face of this terrible tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) expresses and conveys its deepest and most
- 3 heartfelt sympathies to Jim and Cory Bowers and to
- 4 their extended families, friends, co-workers, and fel-
- 5 low missionaries at the Association of Baptists for
- 6 World Evangelism, for the loss of Veronica “Roni”
- 7 Bowers and Charity Bowers in an attack by a fight-

1 er jet of the Peruvian Air Force on the plane in
2 which they were traveling;

3 (2) commends Kevin Donaldson for his heroic
4 actions in safely landing the plane and wishes Mr.
5 Donaldson a speedy and complete recovery from his
6 injuries; and

7 (3) strongly encourages the Governments of the
8 United States and Peru to work together as expedi-
9 tiously as possible to determine all the circumstances
10 that led to this unfortunate and regrettable incident
11 and to ensure that an incident of this kind never oc-
12 curs again.

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