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Providing that development assistance by the United States to foreign countries should be provided only to countries that work toward economic and political freedom to improve the living standards of all of its citizens.

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Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. THORNBERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas it is in the national security interests of the United States to enhance democracy, free and fair elections, freedom of the press, liberty, prosperity, open markets, and the rule of law;

Whereas a goal of the foreign policy of the United States should be to produce a new global community of economically self-sustaining countries by working to reduce poverty, corruption, hopelessness, ignorance, intolerance, and the roots of terrorism throughout the world;

1 elections, advance democracy and the rule of law,
2 root out corruption, and promote higher standards
3 of living for all its citizens; and

4 (2) should provide nonhumanitarian develop-
5 ment assistance to a country only if the country is
6 making progress toward economic freedom based on
7 such factors as protection of the right of citizens to
8 own property, transparency in government, privat-
9 ization, investment in health care and education,
10 stable and independent monetary and wage and
11 price policies, trade liberalization, and reduction in
12 government corruption.

13 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

14 For purposes of this resolution—

15 (1) the term “development assistance” means
16 government-to-government programs for promoting
17 economic growth and democracy promotion; and

18 (2) the term “humanitarian assistance” means
19 international disaster aid, food assistance, medicine,
20 refugee aid, child survival assistance, HIV/AIDS/glob-
21 al health assistance, basic education, environmental
22 protection, and assistance provided through non-
23 governmental organizations.

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