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H. RES. 801

Expressing congratulations and support to former President William J. Clinton on his appointment as United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. RANGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on May 19, 2009, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon announced the appointment of former President William J. Clinton as the United States Government's Special Envoy for Haiti;

Whereas 54 percent of Haitians live on less than \$1 per day while illiteracy is estimated at 44 percent;

Whereas the unemployment rate in the formal sector is between 70–80 percent;

Whereas 46 percent of Haitians do not have sustainable access to potable water;

Whereas former President Clinton brings significant credibility to this effort as a highly regarded statesman, diplomat, and negotiator;

Whereas in 1994, then President Clinton sent the Army and Marines to Haiti to pave the way for the return of the people's elected President, who had been deposed in a coup;

Whereas in March 2009, former President Clinton toured the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince with the United Nations Secretary General to encourage investment after a year that saw a food crisis, destabilizing riots, and four devastating tropical storms;

Whereas former President Clinton has declared his support of the Haitian Government in the implementation of its program, "Haiti: A New Paradigm", whose priorities are mainly the reconstruction process from the devastation caused by the last four storms, and to generate new jobs and enhance delivery of basic services;

Whereas former President Clinton has also stated that he wants to encourage more international private sector investment in Haiti and to make Haiti more competitive to attract such investment;

Whereas in April of 2009, former President Clinton attended a donors conference in Washington that resulted in pledges of \$324,000,000 for the struggling country; and

Whereas former President Clinton also intends to ensure that the donor funds are delivered swiftly into areas where they can be most effectively spent: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) applauds former President Clinton for past
2 efforts in trying to bring stability to the nation of
3 Haiti;

4 (2) congratulates former President William J.
5 Clinton on his appointment as United Nations Spe-
6 cial Envoy for Haiti; and

7 (3) reaffirms the United States commitment to
8 the development, rehabilitation, and improved qual-
9 ity of life of Haiti and its people.

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