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H. CON. RES. 101

Expressing support for democratic elections in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for democratic elections in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Whereas the people of Guyana voted on March 2, 2020, in general and regional elections;

Whereas the Guyanese people showed their strong belief in the democratic process by approximately a 75 percent voter turnout; and

Whereas although international observers such as the Organization of American States (OAS), the Commonwealth, the Carter Center, and the Ambassadors of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and the European Union issued preliminary statements, based on their observation on Election Day, suggesting that the voting itself was free and fair, it has been alleged that irregularities oc-

curréd in the vote tabulation process, leading to a decision made by the Guyana Elections Commission on March 15, 2020, to conduct a recount of the ballots cast under the supervision of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) commends the people of Guyana for holding
4 peaceful multiparty general and regional elections;

5 (2) supports the current recount by the Guyana
6 Elections Commission of all ballots cast, under the
7 scrutiny of CARICOM, an organization deemed ac-
8 ceptable to all parties, the International Observer
9 teams such as the Carter Center, and the duly ap-
10 pointed representatives of the contesting Political
11 Parties;

12 (3) calls on all parties to respect the Declara-
13 tion of Results consistent with the laws of Guyana
14 as the final decision and make a vow for peace and
15 stability in Guyana; and

16 (4) calls on the citizens of Guyana to remain
17 calm and to respect the rule of law and human
18 rights as the recount proceeds under the framework
19 of respected democratic norms.

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