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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia submitted the following concurrent resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on _____

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 Organi-
zation 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 occurred 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.