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H. RES. 1335

Urging the Government of Brazil to ensure that the October 2022 elections are conducted in a free, fair, credible, transparent, and peaceful manner that enables all citizens of Brazil to exercise the right to vote.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Ms. JACOBS of California (for herself, Ms. WILD, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in 1822, the United States was the first country to recognize Brazil as an independent country;

Whereas Brazil, as the fifth-largest country in the world, has the fourth-largest democracy and the seventh-largest economy;

Whereas the protection of the Brazilian Amazon is of importance to Brazil, the United States, and like-minded nations around the world;

Whereas actions or comments that seek to question or undermine Brazil's democratic and electoral institutions must be resolutely rejected by the United States and Brazil;

Whereas the United States and Brazil are 2 of the largest democracies and economies in the Western Hemisphere; and

Whereas the United States and Brazil have a partnership that is rooted in a shared commitment to democracy and prosperity and the promotion of international peace, security, and respect for human rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Government of Brazil to ensure
3 that the October 2022 elections are conducted in a
4 free, fair, credible, transparent, and peaceful manner
5 that enables all citizens of Brazil to exercise the
6 right to vote; and

7 (2) calls for the United States Government—

8 (A) to continue to speak out against ef-
9 forts to undermine the electoral process in
10 Brazil and to hold the Government of Brazil ac-
11 countable for respecting the rights of the citi-
12 zens of Brazil in accordance with international
13 obligations and the Constitution of the Federa-
14 tive Republic of Brazil; and

15 (B) to immediately recognize the outcome
16 of the election in Brazil, if such election is de-

1 terminated by international observers and organi-
2 zations to have been free and fair, and to clar-
3 ify that the United States—

4 (i) will review and reconsider its rela-
5 tionship with any government that comes
6 to power in Brazil through undemocratic
7 means, including a military coup; and

8 (ii) will ensure United States security
9 assistance and other forms of bilateral
10 United States assistance to Brazil remains
11 compliant with relevant United States stat-
12 utes related to the peaceful and democratic
13 transition of power, including longstanding
14 restrictions on the provision of security as-
15 sistance in the event of a military coup,
16 and that United States assistance further
17 remains consistent with the Brazilian Gov-
18 ernment's and peoples' historic commit-
19 ment to prioritizing principles of democ-
20 racy and human rights.

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