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Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the terrorist activities of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas in Peru.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOWERY of California submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress concerning the terrorist activities of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas in Peru.

Whereas the Sendero Luminoso, or Shining Path, is an organization comprised of 5,000 revolutionaries who are fanatical terrorists dedicated to destroying all existing social and political institutions in Peru;

Whereas these murderous rebels, founded in 1970 by Abimael Guzman in the Andean highlands of the Ayacucho Province, are committed to leading Peru through a five-stage destructive upheaval culminating in a full-scale civil war;

Whereas the Shining Path is a messianic movement combining the teachings of Mao Tse-Tung with the precepts of communism as advanced by Jose Carlos Mariategui and consid-

ers itself the "fourth sword" of world revolution after Marxism, Leninism, and Maoism;

Whereas an estimated 14,000 Senderista attacks, including more than 5,000 incidents since President Alan Garcia Perez was elected in 1985, have claimed over 10,000 Peruvian lives;

Whereas the Shining Path has recently gone beyond attacks on government and security personnel to include attacks on civilians, business and community leaders, church officials, and foreign dignitaries and businessmen;

Whereas the Shining Path's siege has forced the presidents of Peru to impose a state of emergency and a curfew in Lima for 17 months, and in large stretches of the Andean highlands for four years;

Whereas Shining Path guerrillas have financed their campaign of terror and destruction largely through protecting and skimming profits from the production of coca, which is used to make cocaine, and by ensuring the continued traffic of narcotics from Peru to the United States and the rest of the world;

Whereas this financing scheme is contradictory to both the Peruvian and American effort to stem the tide of international drug trafficking;

Whereas the Senderistas have used bombings and assassinations to block implementation of President Garcia's \$400,000,000 plan for land reform, agricultural assistance, and social services for 3,500,000 Indians across the 110,000 square miles in the Andean highlands;

Whereas the Shining Path's policy of polarization and anarchy seeks to prevent any type of political reconciliation and force a bloody and destructive military confrontation; and

Whereas the Shining Path's brutal and aggressive pursuit of terror has threatened the democratic presidency of Alan Garcia and looms as Peru's number one crisis, surpassing foreign debt, inflation, and unemployment: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the murderous fanatics of the Shining Path are
4 to be condemned for their brutality and nihilistic ends;

5 (2) the Shining Path should end its opposition to
6 President Garcia's Andean development plan and
7 engage in the existing political debate of Peru;

8 (3) the President or his representatives should
9 convey to President Garcia and the people of Peru the
10 United States' commitment to Peruvian democracy and
11 should express the concerns of the Congress expressed
12 in this resolution at every opportunity; and

13 (4) the President or his representatives should
14 also convey these concerns of the Congress to the gov-
15 ernments of our allies, and urge the cooperation of our
16 allies in efforts to promote a democratic and peaceful
17 Peru.

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