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H.CON.RES. 160 --DIRECTING CONGRESSIONAL CONDEMNATION
TOWARD A DESTRUCTIVE, MAOIST INSURGENCY IN PERU

Dear Colleague:

The Sendero Luminoso, or Shining Path, may be the most enigmatic insurgency movement in the world today. However, one fact is certain--this terrorist organization destroys property and kills innocent individuals in an effort to polarize Peru's population and topple the democratic government of President Garcia.

H.Con.Res. 160 recognizes the dangerous nature of the Shining Path guerrillas and condemns their activities through a sense of the Congress resolution. While the transgressions of these terrorists are many and the resolution self-explanatory, I thought it might be useful to relate portions of the Shining Path's record:

- * The Sendero Luminoso are Maoist communists committed to leading Peru through a five-stage destructive upheaval culminating in a full-scale civil war;
- * An estimated 14,000 Senderista attacks, including 5,000 incidents since President Garcia took office in 1985, have claimed over 10,000 lives;
- * These fanatics have financed their campaign of terror largely through protecting and promoting the production of narcotics;
- * Far from striving to assist the poor, the Shining Path have used bombings and assassinations to block implementation of President Garcia's \$400 million social assistance plan for the 3.5 million Indians residing in the Andean highlands.

Clearly this extremist group is a threat the Congress cannot ignore. If you would like to join me in this important statement of congressional disapproval or have any questions on this resolution, please contact Paul Leonard of my staff at 225-3201.

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Sincerely,

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