

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.RES. 549
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

Whereas, on July 7, 2021, Haitian President Jovenel Moise was assassinated, and his wife was critically wounded at their home in Port-au-Prince;

Whereas prior to this heinous attack, Haiti was already mired in a series of crises, including growing political unrest, poverty, and a threefold increase in kidnappings;

Whereas Haiti has long been one of the most vulnerable nations in the Western Hemisphere due to natural disasters, corruption, violence, and political instability;

Whereas over 1,000,000 persons of Haitian descent live throughout the United States;

Whereas Haiti's stability has significant economic and security implications for the United States and the region;

Whereas the close proximity of Haiti to the shores of the United States, in conjunction with the common bond of mutual values and shared demographic ties, ensures lasting comity of nations and continued trade and diplomatic relations; and

Whereas Haiti, the only republic to rise from a successful slave rebellion, inspires pride, solidarity, and perseverance: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

1 (1) joins with President Biden in extending the
2 condolences of the American people to the people of
3 Haiti, First Lady Martine Moise, and the Moise
4 family on the tragic loss of President Jovenel Moise;

5 (2) condemns, in the strongest terms, the assas-
6 sination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise on July
7 7, 2021, and supports United States contributions
8 to the investigation of this heinous act and efforts
9 to bring the culprits to justice;

10 (3) supports negotiations between Haiti's polit-
11 ical stake holders, including civil society and the pri-
12 vate sector, to conduct free and fair elections and
13 charter a path back to democratic rule;

14 (4) urges President Biden and the Haitian Gov-
15 ernment to engage with political stakeholders Hai-
16 tian civil society and not rush to hold elections with-
17 out ensuring that the proper conditions are met;

18 (5) urges President Biden to support the for-
19 mation of a legitimate constitutionally formed provi-
20 sional electoral council, with the support of Haitian
21 civil society, before moving towards elections;

22 (6) urges President Biden to refrain from de-
23 ploying United States troops to Haiti; and

1 (7) recognizes that options for addressing cur-
2 rent crises should have buy in from Haitian political
3 stakeholders including civil society, the private sec-
4 tor, and the Haitian diaspora, in order to restore
5 faith in government and chart a path to free and
6 fair elections when possible.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution con-
demning the assassination of the Haitian President, and
urging United States and multilateral support of Hai-
tian-led solutions.”.

