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Condemning the assassination of the Haitian President, and urging United States and global support of Haitian-led solutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself and Mr. MEEKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the assassination of the Haitian President, and urging United States and global support of Haitian-led solutions.

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;

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 commitment to democracy, 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 self-reliance: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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

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

11 (3) supports negotiations between Haiti’s polit-
12 ical actors and civil society to conduct free and fair
13 elections and charter a path back to democratic rule;

14 (4) urges President Biden and the Haitian Gov-
15 ernment to engage Haitian civil society and not rush
16 to hold elections without ensuring that the proper
17 conditions are met;

1 (5) urges President Biden to oppose Haitian
2 elections until a legitimate provisional electoral coun-
3 cil, with the support of Haitian civil society, is con-
4 stitutionally formed;

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

7 (7) recognizes that solutions to the current cri-
8 ses should not be imposed from abroad and that
9 Haitian civil society and the Haitian diaspora must
10 play a central role in restoring faith in the Haitian
11 Government and charting a path to free and fair
12 elections when possible.

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