

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9086
OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **VENEZUELA RESTORATION FUND.**

2 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
3 Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the
4 “Venezuela Restoration Fund”, which shall consist of
5 amounts deposited in such fund under subsection (c).

6 (b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Amounts in the Venezuela Res-
7 toration Fund—

8 (1) shall be available to the Secretary of State
9 for the purposes described in paragraph (2) without
10 fiscal year limitation or need for subsequent appro-
11 priation;

12 (2) shall be used for the purposes of—

13 (A) strengthening democratic governance
14 and institutions in Venezuela;

15 (B) defending internationally recognized
16 human rights for the people of Venezuela, in-
17 cluding support for efforts to document crimes
18 against humanity and abuses of human rights
19 in Venezuela;

1 (C) supporting the efforts of independent
2 media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and
3 share information in Venezuela; and

4 (D) combating corruption and improving
5 the transparency and accountability of gov-
6 erning institutions and state-owned enterprises
7 in Venezuela;

8 (3) may be used to support governmental and
9 nongovernmental entities in advancing the purposes
10 described in paragraph (2); and

11 (4) shall be allocated in a manner complemen-
12 tary to existing United States foreign policy, diplo-
13 macy, and anti-corruption activities.

14 (c) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision
15 of law, in the case of any funds or assets forfeited to the
16 United States on or after the date of the enactment of
17 this Act by an individual or entity who has acted or pur-
18 ported to act directly or indirectly for or on behalf of, the
19 regimes of Hugo Chávez or Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela,
20 the funds or assets will be deposited in the Venezuela Res-
21 toration Fund established under subsection (a).

22 (d) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently
24 than annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury,
25 in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit

1 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
2 includes—

3 (1) an accounting of the amount and sources of
4 funds that have been deposited into the Venezuela
5 Restoration Fund; and

6 (2) a summary of the obligation, amounts, and
7 expenditure of such funds.

8 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
10 sional committees” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
12 House of Representatives;

13 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
14 Senate;

15 (3) the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
18 Senate.

