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S. CON. RES. 7

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the murder on December 22, 1988, of Brazilian environmentalist and union leader "Chico" Mendes Filho.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 1989

Mr. KASTEN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the murder on December 22, 1988, of Brazilian environmentalist and union leader "Chico" Mendes Filho.

Whereas the murder of Brazilian environmentalist and union leader Francisco "Chico" Mendes Filho has provided outrage and sorrow in the Congress of the United States and around the world;

Whereas Chico Mendes gave his life defending the Amazon forest and the peoples of the forest and creating a more equitable, economic form of preserving the forest;

Whereas the destruction of the Amazon forest is despoiling the largest repository of biological diversity on the planet and contributing to global climate change, gravely threatening the quality of life on the planet for future generations; and

Whereas the death of Chico Mendes and many others since 1980, who, like him, have sought solutions to the global environmental crisis in their daily work, in seeking an equitable distribution and use of land in Brazil, is a tragedy, an abuse of human rights, and a threat to the global environment: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes that the murder on December 22,
4 1988, of "Chico" Mendes Filho is a profound loss to
5 all those concerned with the global environment and
6 social justice, and presents a challenge to confront the
7 waste and destruction of global natural resources and
8 social injustice with courage and conviction, as Chico
9 Mendes did;

10 (2) recognizes that Chico Mendes made an impor-
11 tant contribution to the protection of the global envi-
12 ronment through his defense of threatened tropical
13 forest and of the peoples of the forest and through his
14 success in promoting an ecologically and economically
15 sound alternative for the development of the Amazon,
16 the creation of "extractive reserves"; and

17 (3) urges the Secretary of State to express to the
18 Government of Brazil the concern of the people of the
19 United States at the murder of Chico Mendes and their
20 desire that all those directly and indirectly responsible
21 be brought swiftly to justice.

1 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a
2 copy of this concurrent resolution to the Secretary of State.

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