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H. RES. 77

Expressing the solidarity of the House of Representatives with the families of the victims and those displaced by the heavy rains and widespread flooding in Colombia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. MEEKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the solidarity of the House of Representatives with the families of the victims and those displaced by the heavy rains and widespread flooding in Colombia.

Whereas months of torrential rains have created the worst natural disaster in the history of Colombia;

Whereas severe flooding has affected the lives of 2,300,000 Colombians leaving, by United Nations estimates, more than 300 people dead and 400,000 homes destroyed;

Whereas critical infrastructure and agricultural areas have been decimated, ruining crops and devastating opportunities for legal Colombian business opportunities;

Whereas the Government of Colombia estimates a cost of \$6,600,000,000 for recovery efforts;

Whereas the incentive to produce duty-free drug-crop substitutes, fostering economic development in Colombia, is threatened by an uncertain fate for the extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and

Whereas the peoples of the United States and Colombia share democratic values and desire a mutually prosperous relationship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) stands with the people of Colombia as they
3 face the devastating consequences of the flooding;

4 (2) urges the renewal of the temporary exten-
5 sion of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug
6 Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and

7 (3) calls on the President to engage in a rela-
8 tionship with Colombia, a longstanding democratic
9 ally of the United States, that promotes economic
10 growth and reinforces the fight against drug traf-
11 ficking.

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