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Observing the 29th anniversary of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Observing the 29th anniversary of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

Whereas the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda has been internationally recognized as the massacre of nearly 1,000,000 Tutsi within a four-month period by the nation's Hutu-led Government and Hutu neighbors as part of a systematic program of genocide;

Whereas moderate Hutu who were opposed to the Hutu-led Government's genocidal plan were also murdered during this time;

Whereas this atrocity constituted a grave violation of human rights and the rule of law, causing untold pain and suffering;

Whereas the genocide against the Tutsi has left a solemn reminder that the United States and countries around the world must work together to protect the vulnerable, uphold human rights, and prevent genocide;

Whereas on April 7 of each year since 1994 the world has commemorated the genocide against the Tutsi to honor the memory of the men, women, and children who died and to express solidarity with the survivors; and

Whereas this commemoration not only remembers the victims of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda but also helps to build bridges of understanding between different people and fortify the commitment to human rights, protection against persecution and violence, individual liberty, and a free society for all people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) observes the 29th anniversary of the 1994
3 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and remem-
4 bers the victims and survivors of this tragedy;

5 (2) recognizes the ongoing efforts of the people
6 and Government of Rwanda to promote peace, rec-
7 onciliation, and development, and pledges to con-
8 tinue its support for these efforts; and

9 (3) reaffirms its commitment to preventing
10 genocide and other mass atrocities, and to pro-
11 moting human rights and democratic values around
12 the world.

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