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Supporting the opening of the Somali embassy in Washington, and reaffirming the United States support for the people and Government of Somalia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ELLISON (for himself and Mr. EMMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the opening of the Somali embassy in Washington, and reaffirming the United States support for the people and Government of Somalia.

Whereas on November 18, 2015 the Government of Somalia opened an official embassy in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas this is the first time Somalia has had an official embassy in the United States since 1992;

Whereas in 2013, the United States granted official recognition to the Government of Somalia in Mogadishu for the first time in more than two decades;

Whereas the Somali people have shown incredible resilience in the face of extreme social and political challenges;

Whereas the people and Government of Somalia have made steps towards establishing a functioning government and robust civil society; and

Whereas Somalia and the United States have a strong and enduring partnership based on a shared commitment to promote peace and prosperity in East Africa and around the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly supports the Government of Somalia's pursuit of peace and democracy;

3 (2) recognizes the opening of the Embassy of Somalia in Washington, D.C., represents the steps Somalia is taking to establish a politically and economically stable state and demonstrates a commitment to peace and prosperity;

4 (3) reaffirms United States support for the efforts of the people and Government of Somalia;

5 (4) recognizes Somalia as an important regional ally and partner of the United States.