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**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered today, March 6, 2002, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** The resolution would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “expresses its support for the democratically elected Government of Colombia and the Colombian people as they strive to protect their democracy from terrorism and the scourge of illicit narcotics;”
- “deplores the continuing criminal terrorist acts of murder, abduction, and extortion carried out by all United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations in Colombia against United States citizens, the civilian population of Colombia, and Colombian authorities;”
- urges the President, without undue delay, to “transmit to Congress for its consideration proposed legislation, consistent with United States law regarding the protection of human rights, to assist the Government of Colombia protect its democracy from United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations and the scourge of illicit narcotics;”
- urges the Secretary of State to “designate a high-ranking official to coordinate all United States assistance to the Government of Colombia to ensure clarity of United States policy and the effective delivery of United States support.”

**Additional Background:** According to the resolution, a terrorist organization in Colombia is holding five Colombian legislators, a presidential candidate, and Colombian police and army officers and soldiers as hostages and has recently escalated bombings against civilian targets, including a foiled attempt to destroy the city of Bogota’s principal water reservoir. This terrorist organization has also been linked to illegal narcotics trafficking and attacks against American citizens in Colombia.

**Cost to Taxpayers**: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?**: No.

**Constitutional Authority**: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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