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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. FINE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. RULLI, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. ROSE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. ONDER, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CRANK, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. BOST, Mr. PALMER, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. HUNT, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and the Judiciary, 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

Commending President Trump, his administration, and the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, Intelligence Community, and Justice Department for the remarkable success of “Operation Absolute Resolve”.

Whereas, on January 3, 2026, President Donald J. Trump demonstrated extraordinary political courage by authorizing “Operation Absolute Resolve” to apprehend the dic-

tator Nicolás Maduro and dismantle the command structure of the *Cártel de los Soles*;

Whereas Nicolás Maduro is a fugitive from justice, charged by the Department of Justice with—

- (1) narcoterrorism conspiracy (21 U.S.C. 960a);
- (2) conspiracy to import cocaine (21 U.S.C. 963);
- (3) possession of machine guns and destructive devices (18 U.S.C. 924(c)(1)(B)(ii)); and
- (4) conspiracy to possess machine guns and destructive devices (18 U.S.C. 924(o));

Whereas his co-conspirator and wife, Cilia Flores, was also extradited to the United States and is charged with—

- (1) narcoterrorism conspiracy (21 U.S.C. 960a);
 - (2) conspiracy to import cocaine (21 U.S.C. 963);
- and
- (3) conspiracy to possess machine guns (18 U.S.C. 924(o));

Whereas the Maduro regime systematically dismantled Venezuela’s democratic institutions, beginning with the usurpation of the National Assembly in 2015, the creation of an illegitimate Constituent Assembly in 2017, and the staging of a fraudulent reelection in 2018 that was declared illegitimate by over 50 nations;

Whereas, in 2024, the regime finalized its transition to full authoritarianism when its controlled Supreme Court ratified a 15-year ban on the leading opposition candidate, María Corina Machado;

Whereas to maintain his grip on power, the Maduro regime carried out thousands of extrajudicial killings, tortured political opponents, and terrorized the Venezuelan people,

fueling the largest displacement crisis in the history of the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas Venezuela, under Maduro’s direction, provided safe harbor to foreign terrorist organizations and transnational criminal groups, allowing them to weaponize migration and flood the United States with tons of lethal narcotics; and

Whereas these state-sponsored drug trafficking operations have directly fueled the drug overdose epidemic, contributing to the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans annually: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) applauds the courageous decision by commander in chief President Donald J. Trump, for his
3 bold determination to confront the Maduro dictatorship directly, ending years of malaise and re-
4 asserting America in the Western Hemisphere;

7 (2) salutes the extraordinary bravery, professionalism, and operational effectiveness of the
8 United States Armed Forces, the Intelligence Community, and law enforcement whose personnel suc-
9 cessfully executed the mission to apprehend Nicolás Maduro and dismantle the command structure of the
10 Cártel de los Soles;

14 (3) expresses its profound gratitude to the families of the servicemembers involved, acknowledging
15 the sacrifices made to ensure the safety of the Amer-

1 ican homeland from the threat of state-sponsored
2 narcoterrorism;

3 (4) reaffirms the Monroe Doctrine and its mod-
4 ern version, the Trump Corollary, as the base of
5 Western Hemispheric security declaring the United
6 States will not tolerate the foreign military bases, in-
7 telligence assets, or proxy forces by our adversaries
8 in the Americas;

9 (5) recognizes that dismantling the Maduro re-
10 regime is a critical national security imperative to stop
11 the state-sponsored flow of drugs that have flooded
12 American communities and directly contributed to
13 the drug overdose epidemic that claims tens of thou-
14 sands of American lives annually; and

15 (6) stands in solidarity with the people of Ven-
16 ezuela and supports a rapid, constitutional transition
17 to free and fair elections to restore the democratic
18 institutions dismantled by the Maduro dictatorship.

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