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Resolution in support of H.R. 3386, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, which would provide assistance to combat infectious diseases and establish a comprehensive health infrastructure in the Republic of Haiti.

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Whereas, The Republic of Haiti is currently celebrating its 200th year of independence from France, which makes the Caribbean island nation the world's oldest Black republic; and

Whereas, The Republic of Haiti has an estimated population of 7.5 million people with a median age of 17.9; and

Whereas, According to The World Factbook, the Republic of Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the Western hemisphere, with about 80% of the population living below the poverty level; and

Whereas, According to statistics reported in The World Factbook, the Republic of Haiti has an infant mortality rate of 76 deaths for every 1,000 live births, and a life expectancy of approximately 52 years; and

Whereas, Additional statistics in The World Factbook indicate that the Republic of Haiti has an HIV/AIDS adult prevalence rate of 6.1%, with about 250,000 people living with HIV/AIDS and 30,000 people succumbing to the disease in 2001; and

Whereas, Recently, Congresswoman Barbara Lee and 33 of her colleagues in the United States House of Representatives introduced H.R. 3386, which would direct the President of the United States to work with the government of Haiti and international organizations to establish a comprehensive and integrated strategy to combat infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and to establish a comprehensive health infrastructure in the Republic of Haiti; and

Whereas, H.R. 3386 would authorize the President of the United States, acting through the

Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to provide assistance to the Republic of Haiti to develop its health sector, including supporting its health infrastructure and its education and prevention activities; and

Whereas, H.R. 3386 would also authorize the President of United States, acting through the Secretary of State and the Corps of Engineers, to provide assistance to develop Haiti's basic sanitation and transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, Additionally, H.R 3386 would direct the President of the United States to establish a program to recruit health care professionals and engineers to help rebuild the health care and physical infrastructure of the Republic of Haiti, and would authorize the President to provide financial incentives to encourage such individuals to participate in the program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York supports H.R. 3386, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, which would provide assistance to combat infectious diseases and establish a comprehensive health infrastructure in the Republic of Haiti.

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