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### U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings Reintroduces Fair Housing and Homeownership Promotion Legislation

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U.S. Representative Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) and a group of 6 other Members of Congress yesterday reintroduced a resolution to promote fair housing and access to homeownership opportunities.

"Too many people are finding it increasingly difficult to achieve the American Dream of homeownership which was beyond reach even before the emergence of our current foreclosure crisis," remarked Representative Hastings today. "This resolution recognizes how important the establishment homeownership programs and fair lending and housing laws have been to equalizing access to homeownership for all Americans."

Representative Hastings' resolution recognizes the role of homeownership in allowing American families to achieve homeownership and promotes fair housing advocacy efforts which support the goal of increased homeownership. The resolution also recognizes the importance of fair housing laws that combat discrimination in housing, as well as commends initiatives that promote housing among populations experiencing homeownership disparities. Several initiatives recognized include the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development.

"Eliminating the disparities in homeownership rates between white families and minority families continues to be a goal of critical importance," Representative Hastings added. "With almost 4 million fair housing violations occurring annually, we must continue to support efforts aimed at ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to own a home."

Original cosponsors of the resolution include U.S. Representatives Kendrick Meek (FL), Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Carolyn Kilpatrick (M), Sanford Bishop (GA), Artur Davis (AL), Al Green (TX), and Carolyn Maloney (NY).

The Hastings Fair House Resolution has been endorsed by the National Fair Housing Alliance, Fair Housing Center of the Greater Palm Beaches, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

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