

Resolution of the Republican Governors Association Regarding Cambodia, November 20, 1979

RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION REGARDING CAMBODIA

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WHEREAS, as many as two million Cambodians may have perished over the past four years due to the policies of the former Communist government; and

WHEREAS, another two million face possible starvation from the famine that may result from the fighting between Vietnamese and Cambodian forces; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of refugees inside Thailand and along the Thai-Cambodian borders are in need of food and medicine; and

WHEREAS, the authorities in Phnom Penh have refused to open a land route into Cambodia from Thailand over which needed assistance could reach these innocent people who are suffering;

NOW, THEREFORE, We the Republican Governors assembled do hereby

EXPRESS support for the efforts of our government to provide food, medicine and other assistance to the Cambodian people;

URGE the authorities in Phnom Penh to open a land route from Thailand into Cambodia to allow supplies to move expeditiously to those people most in need;

COMMEND the government of Thailand for its willingness to admit refugees into its country;

ENCOURAGE the American people to have compassion for the plight of these unfortunate refugees and to give generously to appeals by religious and private organizations in the United States on behalf of them.

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