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H. CON. RES. 219

To support the Middle East peace process and condemn all acts of terrorism aimed at derailing that process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. YATES, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HORN, Mr. PENNY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KLEIN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. SNYAR, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEVY, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SABO, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas immediately after Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat shook hands on the White House lawn last September, extremists on both sides vowed that the Declaration of Principles signed that day would never come to fruition;

Whereas since the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993, many innocent people have been the victims of vicious acts of terrorism;

Whereas the massacre that took place on February 25, 1994, at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron was an act of terrorism directed against innocent persons at prayer;

Whereas the purpose of these acts of terror was to derail the Middle East peace talks;

Whereas as diplomats have inched their way toward fulfilling each article of the Declaration, extremists have just as painstakingly plotted disruptions, preyed on innocents, and haphazardly killed and maimed people;

Whereas if the chances for peace in the Middle East are harmed by acts of terrorism, then such acts will have achieved their purpose; and

Whereas to prevent terrorism from achieving its purpose, all parties must now redouble their efforts to gain success in those talks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) condemns all acts of terror intended to dis-
4 rupt the peace process or for any other purpose;

5 (2) expresses its condemnation of the massacre
6 perpetrated in Hebron as a violation of all standards
7 of civilized human behavior and of the policies of the
8 Government of Israel;

9 (3) commends the Government of Israel for its
10 strong condemnation of the Hebron killings, for

1 reaching out to the victims' families, for taking swift
2 and appropriate action to respond to the threat
3 posed by the extremists, and for pledging its com-
4 mitment to proceed immediately with resuming the
5 peace talks;

6 (4) supports President Clinton's efforts to rein-
7 vigorate the historic peace process, which is of vital
8 interest to the United States; and

9 (5) urges all parties and others involved in the
10 Middle East peace talks to apply renewed energy to
11 achieve their prompt and just conclusion within the
12 framework of the September 13, 1993, Declaration
13 of Principles, which is the only way to obtain long-
14 term peace and security for all Israelis and Palestin-
15 ians and as the best way in the short-term to deny
16 terror any measure of success.

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