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H. CON. RES. 245

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives commending Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for signing an historic agreement in Cairo on May 4, 1994.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1994

Mr. KNOLLENBERG (for himself, Mr. PENNY, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. DANNER, and Mr. BONIOR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas on October 30, 1991, a peace conference was convened by the United States and the former Soviet Union in Madrid, Spain, for the purpose of launching direct bilateral and multilateral negotiations designed to lead to a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East;

Whereas the historic Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements was signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization and witnessed by the United States and the Russian Federation at the White House on September 13, 1993; and

Whereas Israel and the PLO have been engaged for 8 months in extensive negotiations over the implementation of the Declaration of Principles which have culminated in the Cairo Agreement: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the Government of Israel and the
4 Palestine Liberation Organization for reaching their
5 historic agreement that will pave the way for Pal-
6 estinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the Jericho
7 area;

8 (2) encourages all parties to the Middle East
9 peace process to resume bilateral negotiations and
10 work vigorously in the pursuit of a comprehensive,
11 just, and lasting peace;

12 (3) calls upon the Administration to more ac-
13 tively engage the United States as a full partner in
14 the Middle East negotiating process;

15 (4) urges Israel and the Palestine Liberation
16 Organization to move quickly to implement the pro-
17 visions of the Declaration of Principles on Interim
18 Self-Government Arrangements to get to final status
19 issues, including Jerusalem, refugees, settlements,
20 security arrangements, borders, relations and co-
21 operation with other neighbors, and other issues of
22 common interest “as soon as possible, but no later

1 than the beginning of the third year of the interim
2 period,” as stipulated in the Declaration of Prin-
3 ciples; and

4 (5) urges the Administration, in cooperation
5 with the world community through the mechanism of
6 relevant international financial agencies and institu-
7 tions, including the World Bank, to provide aid to
8 facilitate the establishment of Palestinian self-gov-
9 ernment in the Gaza Strip and Jericho area, in ac-
10 cordance with the provisions of the Israeli-PLO
11 agreement.

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