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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress concerning
the historic opportunity for peace in the Middle
East .

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Whereas the conflict in the Middle East has caused untold suffering for many decades;

Whereas the people of the State of Israel have the right to live in peace within secure and recognized borders;

Whereas successive administrations of the United States Government have worked diligently to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

Whereas under the leadership of President Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Begin and Egyptian President Sadat signed the historic Camp David Accords of 1978;

Whereas under the strong leadership of President Bush, a dialogue among the parties to the Middle East conflict was initiated at Madrid in October 1991;

Whereas this dialogue was continued through the strong and constructive efforts of the Clinton administration;

Whereas the Government of Norway, through its Foreign Minister, played an instrumental role in facilitating the negotiations that led to the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization;

Whereas the Palestine Liberation Organization has recognized the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security, has announced that it renounces terrorism and

other acts of violence, and has agreed to amend its Charter to delete all references to the destruction of the State of Israel;

Whereas the State of Israel has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people;

Whereas Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have agreed to a Declaration of Principles concerning an interim period of limited autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza; and

Whereas many difficult issues remain to be resolved in future discussions: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports the agreement between Israel and
4 the Palestine Liberation Organization, and hopes it
5 will serve as an historic opportunity to move toward
6 a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle
7 East;

8 (2) applauds the efforts of the Clinton and
9 Bush administrations to facilitate these develop-
10 ments;

11 (3) welcomes the decision of the Palestine Lib-
12 eration Organization to recognize the State of Israel,
13 to renounce terrorism and other acts of violence, and
14 to accept the path of peaceful coexistence;

1 (4) welcomes the decision of the State of Israel
2 to enter into this Declaration of Principles and reaf-
3 firms its commitment to helping assure the contin-
4 ued security of the State of Israel;

5 (5) commends all those persons who have
6 worked diligently to achieve these accords;

7 (6) encourages all parties to the Middle East
8 peace process to continue to work vigorously in the
9 pursuit of a comprehensive peace for the region; and

10 (7) endorses continuing United States engage-
11 ment in the peace process, and is committed to sup-
12 porting efforts to make this agreement a success.

Passed the Senate September 14 (legislative day,
September 7), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.