

One Hundred Fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five*

Concurrent Resolution

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin, a true hero of Israel, was born in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922;

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin served in the Israel Defense Forces for more than two decades, and fought in three wars including service as Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces during the Six Day War of June 1967;

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin served the people of Israel with great distinction in a number of government positions, including Ambassador to the United States from 1968 to 1973, Minister of Defense from 1984 to 1988, and twice as Prime Minister from 1974 to 1977 and from June 1992 until his assassination;

Whereas under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin, a framework for peace between Israel and the Palestinians was established with the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993, continued with the conclusion of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan on October 26, 1994, and continues today;

Whereas on December 10, 1994, Yitzhak Rabin was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his vision and accomplishments as a peacemaker;

Whereas shortly before his assassination, Yitzhak Rabin said, "I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take a chance for peace. . . . Peace is not only in prayers . . . but it is in the desire of the Jewish people.";

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin's entire life was dedicated to the cause of peace and security for Israel and its people; and

Whereas on November 4, 1995, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in Tel Aviv, Israel: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) condemns the heinous assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the strongest possible terms;

(2) extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and to all the people of Israel in this moment of tragedy;

(3) expresses its admiration for the historic contributions made by Yitzhak Rabin over his long and distinguished career of public service;

(4) expresses its support for the government of Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres; and

(5) reaffirms its commitment to the process of building a just and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors.

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SEC. 2. When the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect in honor of the late Yitzhak Rabin.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate.

Attest:

Clerk of the House of Representatives.