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# S. CON. RES. 116

Commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2000

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. Biden, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JONHSON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CONRAD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon.

Whereas Israel has been actively seeking a comprehensive peace with all of her neighbors to bring about an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict;

Whereas southern Lebanon has for decades been the staging area for attacks against Israeli cities and towns by Hezbollah and by Palestinian terrorists, resulting in the death or wounding of hundreds of Israeli civilians;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (March 19, 1978) calls upon Israel to withdraw its forces from all Lebanese territory;

Whereas the Government of Israel unanimously agreed to implement Security Council Resolution 425 and has stated

its intention of redeploying its forces to the international border by July 7, 2000;

Whereas Security Council Resolution 425 also calls for “strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries” and establishes a United Nations interim force to help restore Lebanese sovereignty; and

Whereas the Government of Syria currently deploys 30,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) commends Israel for its decision to with-  
4 draw its forces from southern Lebanon and for tak-  
5 ing risks for peace in the Middle East;

6            (2) calls upon the United Nations Security  
7 Council—

8            (A) to recognize Israel’s fulfillment of its  
9 obligations under Security Council Resolution  
10 425 and to provide the necessary resources for  
11 the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon  
12 (UNIFIL) to implement its mandate under that  
13 resolution; and

14            (B) to insist upon the withdrawal of all  
15 foreign forces from Lebanese territory so that  
16 Lebanon may exercise sovereignty throughout  
17 its territory;

1           (3) urges UNIFIL, in cooperation with the  
2           Lebanese Armed Forces, to gain full control over  
3           southern Lebanon, including taking actions to en-  
4           sure the disarmament of Hezbollah and all other  
5           such groups, in order to eliminate all terrorist activ-  
6           ity originating from that area;

7           (4) appeals to the Government of Lebanon to  
8           grant clemency and assure the safety and rehabilita-  
9           tion into Lebanese society of all members of the  
10          South Lebanon Army and their families;

11          (5) calls upon the international community to  
12          ensure that southern Lebanon does not once again  
13          become a staging ground for attacks against Israel  
14          and to cooperate in bringing about the reconstruc-  
15          tion and reintegration of southern Lebanon;

16          (6) recognizes Israel's right, enshrined in chap-  
17          ter 7, article 51 of the United Nations Charter, to  
18          defend itself and its people from attack and re-  
19          asserts United States support for maintaining  
20          Israel's qualitative military edge in order to ensure  
21          Israel's long-term security; and

22          (7) urges all parties to reenter the peace proc-  
23          ess with the Government of Israel in order to bring  
24          peace and stability to all the Middle East.

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