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Condemning the continued sponsorship of international terrorism by Iran,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FALCONE, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. BERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the continued sponsorship of international
terrorism by Iran, and for other purposes.

Whereas Iran has been a state sponsor of terrorism by providing aid to such terrorist groups as Hamas, Hizbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and is also providing assistance to terrorist groups in Africa, the Persian Gulf region, Turkey, and Central Asia;

Whereas there continues to be mounting evidence that Iran sponsored the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia which killed 19 United States servicemen;

Whereas the most recent report by the Department of State on “Global Patterns of International Terrorism” states that Iran “remained the most active state sponsor of terrorism in 2001”;

Whereas Iran continues its efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, including the recent test of a Shahab-3 missile which has a range of 800 miles;

Whereas foreign investments in the Iranian energy sector result in increased revenue for Iran that may be used to further its support for acts of international terrorism and its development of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them;

Whereas in 2001, Congress overwhelmingly passed and the President signed a 5-year extension of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996, which imposes sanctions on companies that invest in the Iranian and Libyan energy sectors;

Whereas on May 28, 2002, Sheer Energy, a Canadian oil company, announced an \$80,000,000 contract to develop an Iranian petroleum field in conjunction with the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company, which constitutes the first investment in the Iranian energy sector since September 11, 2001, that is subject to sanctions under the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996; and

Whereas the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, demonstrate that international terrorism is a direct threat to the lives of Americans and all other people irrespective of their nationality, and that the United States must take stronger measures to ensure the end of state support for international terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the continued sponsorship of

3 international terrorism by Iran and its development

1 of weapons of mass destruction and the means to
2 deliver them;

3 (2) reiterates its concern that investment in
4 Iran's energy sector makes a dangerous contribution
5 to those activities that sponsor international ter-
6 rorism by providing the Iranian regime with a sig-
7 nificant source of funds that can, directly or indi-
8 rectly, support such activities;

9 (3) demands that Sheer Energy cancel its con-
10 tract with the Government of Iran, a state sponsor
11 of international terrorism, to develop Iranian oil
12 fields; and

13 (4) urges the President to impose sanctions on
14 Sheer Energy under the Iran and Libya Sanctions
15 Act of 1996 as long as its investments remain sub-
16 ject to sanctions under that Act.

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