

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas 26 innocent people in Israel were murdered in cold blood and at least 175 wounded by Palestinian terrorists, all within 14 hours, during the weekend of December 1–2, 2001;

Whereas these deaths are the equivalent, on a basis proportional to the United States population, of 1,200 American deaths and 8,000 wounded;

Whereas the President’s Middle East envoy General Anthony C. Zinni has labeled the terrorism of this past weekend “the deepest evil one can imagine”;

Whereas this bloody weekend is part of an ongoing terror campaign often targeted at youth and families and perpetrated by Islamic fundamentalist groups Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and by some elements of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat’s Fatah movement;

Whereas President Bush declared at a joint session of Congress on September 20, 2001, that “[e]very nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists. From this day forward, any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime”; and

Whereas President Bush declared on December 2, 2001, that
 “Chairman Arafat must do everything in his power to
 find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring
 them to justice”: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) condemns the vicious terrorist murders of
 4 26 innocent people in Israel within 14 hours during
 5 December 1–2, 2001, and extends its deepest sym-
 6 pathies to the State of Israel and to the families of
 7 the victims;

8 (2) expresses outrage at the ongoing Pales-
 9 tinian terrorist campaign and insists that the Pales-
 10 tinian Authority take all steps necessary to end it;

11 (3) demands specifically that the Palestinian
 12 Authority take action immediately to—

13 (A) destroy the infrastructure of Pales-
 14 tinian terrorist groups;

15 (B) pursue and arrest terrorists whose in-
 16 carceration has been called for by the Govern-
 17 ment of Israel; and

18 (C) either—

19 (i) prosecute such terrorists, provide
 20 convicted terrorists with the stiffest pos-
 21 sible punishment, and ensure that those

1 convicted remain in custody for the full du-
 2 ration of their sentences; or

3 (ii) render all arrested terrorists to
 4 the Government of Israel for prosecution;

5 (4) urges the President to suspend all relations
 6 with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority, if
 7 Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority fail to
 8 take the actions described in paragraphs (2) and
 9 (3);

10 (5) further urges the President to insist that all
 11 countries harboring, materially supporting, or acqui-
 12 escing in the private support of Palestinian terrorist
 13 groups should end such support, dismantle the infra-
 14 structure of such groups, and bring all terrorists
 15 within their borders to justice; and

16 (6) expresses the solidarity of the United States
 17 with Israel in our common struggle against the
 18 scourge of terrorism.

19 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
 20 a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President.

Passed the Senate December 5, 2001.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Expressing solidarity with Israel in the fight
against terrorism.