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H. RES. 341

Urging the President of the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2003

Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. ENGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations.

Whereas Hezbollah is a Lebanon-based radical organization with terrorist cells based in Europe, Africa, North America, and elsewhere, receiving financial, training, weapons, and political and organizational aid from Iran and Syria;

Whereas Hezbollah has been suspected of numerous terrorist acts, including but not limited to, the suicide truck bombing of the United States Embassy and Marine Barracks in Beirut in October 1983 and the Embassy annex in Beirut in September 1984;

Whereas Hezbollah has attacked numerous Israeli targets in South America in the mid-1990s, including the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1994;

Whereas even after the adherence of Israel to United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 by withdrawing from South Lebanon, Hezbollah has continued to carry out attacks against Israel and its citizens;

Whereas in the 108th Congress, the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 285, urging the European Union to classify Hamas, another Palestinian terrorist organization, as a terrorist organization for purposes of prohibiting funding from the European Union to Hamas;

Whereas Hezbollah provides training and weapons to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad for use by these groups against Israeli targets;

Whereas the Director of Central Intelligence calls Hezbollah “an organization with the capability and worldwide presence [equal to] al Qaeda, equal if not far more [of a] capable organization . . . [t]hey’re a notch above in many respects . . . which puts them in a state sponsored category with a potential for lethality that’s quite great”;

Whereas although the European Union has included Imad Fayiz Mughniyah, a key operations and intelligence officer of Hezbollah, on its terrorist list, it has not included his organization on the list;

Whereas Hezbollah continues to be sponsored and supported by such countries as Syria and Iran; and

Whereas cooperation between the United States and Europe regarding combating international terrorism is essential: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) urges the European Union to classify
2 Hezbollah as a terrorist organization for purposes of
3 prohibiting funding from the European Union to
4 Hezbollah and recognizing it as a threat to inter-
5 national security;

6 (2) condemns the continuous terrorist attacks
7 by Hezbollah; and

8 (3) condemns Hezbollah's continuous support of
9 other Palestinian terrorist organization such as
10 Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

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