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Calling on the President to condemn the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2003

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. REID, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Calling on the President to condemn the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia.

Whereas the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, has become notorious over the years for his virulent opposition to Israel;

Whereas Dr. Mahathir opened the 57-nation, October 2003 summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Malaysia by characterizing Israel and Jews around the world as “the enemy” who “rule the world by proxy”;

Whereas Dr. Mahathir’s anti-Semitic remarks are despicable and will serve to incite further sectarian violence; and

Whereas President George W. Bush will be traveling to Thailand to attend the October 20-21, 2003, meeting in Bangkok of the leaders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), which Dr. Mahathir will also be attending: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) thoroughly repudiates the damaging rhetoric of the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive; and

6 (2) calls upon President George W. Bush, on behalf of the United States, to condemn Dr. Mahathir's injurious sentiments when the President and the prime minister meet to attend the October 20–21, 2003, meeting in Bangkok of the leaders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

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