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H. RES. 231

Celebrating the importance of the 15th Anniversary of the Arab Peace Initiative as a meaningful effort by Arab countries to the commitment of peace in the Middle East.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the importance of the 15th Anniversary of the Arab Peace Initiative as a meaningful effort by Arab countries to the commitment of peace in the Middle East.

Whereas the Arab Peace Initiative was unanimously endorsed by the Arab League on March 28, 2002, as a proposal to end the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict;

Whereas the Arab Peace Initiative endorsed normalized relations between regional Arab and Muslim-majority countries and the State of Israel;

Whereas the Arab Peace Initiative established a regionally endorsed baseline for negotiations as a means of supporting gradual progress in regional cooperation among

regional Arab and Muslim-majority countries, the United States, the State of Israel, and the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas Prime Minister of Israel Binyamin Netanyahu on May 26, 2015, stated that “there are positive aspects . . .” to the Arab Peace Initiative and that the “general idea—to try to reach understanding with leading Arab countries—is a good idea”; and

Whereas a lasting two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to achieving long-term peace and security in the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of the 15th Anni-
3 versary of the Arab Peace Initiative as a meaningful
4 effort by regional Arab countries to support peace in
5 the Middle East and to bring an end to the Israeli-
6 Palestinian conflict;

7 (2) commends regional Arab and Muslim-major-
8 ity countries that have taken steps to facilitate the
9 end of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

10 (3) congratulates the Hashemite Kingdom of
11 Jordan on their presidency of the Arab League on
12 March 9, 2017;

13 (4) supports the efforts of regional Arab and
14 Muslim-majority countries to strengthen regional se-
15 curity cooperation and stability through discussions
16 with the State of Israel; and

1 (5) urges the State of Israel, the Palestinian
2 Authority, and regional Arab and Muslim-majority
3 countries to engage in bilateral and multilateral ne-
4 gotiations to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace
5 process and support the normalization by Arab and
6 Muslim-majority countries of relations with the
7 State of Israel.

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