

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5—RELATING TO THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR A CEREMONY FOR VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. STEVENS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

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Whereas, pursuant to such Act, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has designated April 23 through April 30, 1994, as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust"; and

Whereas the United States Holocaust Memorial Council has recommended that a one-hour ceremony to be held at noon on April 27, 1995, consisting of speeches, readings, and musical presentations as part of the days of remembrance activities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That the rotunda of the United States Capitol is hereby authorized to be used on April 27, 1995 from 8 o'clock ante meridian until 3 o'clock post meridian for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

WELLSTONE AMENDMENTS NOS. 235-236

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. WELLSTONE submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1) proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 234

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) compliance with this requirement would increase the number of hungry or homeless children, or (b)".

AMENDMENT NO. 235

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress shall determine that compliance with this requirement would not provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare, or (b)".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., in SR-332, to discuss what tax policy reforms will help strengthen American agriculture and agribusiness.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m. in open session to receive testimony on U.S. national security strategy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on the subject of regulatory reform.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REGARDING THE COURAGE OF MRS. DEVORAH HALBERSTAM

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to present the remarks of a courageous woman, Devorah Halberstam, whose son Ari was brutally murdered by Rashid Baz on March 1, 1994, in a cowardly act of terrorism on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Mrs. Halberstam's statement before New York State Supreme Court Justice Harold Rothwax on January 18, 1995, took place before the sentencing of Rashid Baz, who subsequently received 141 years in prison for a single count of second-degree murder, 14 counts of attempted murder in the second-degree, and one count of criminal use of a firearm in the first-degree.

Mr. President, what happened that day on the Brooklyn Bridge was nothing less than an act of terrorism and we should call it just that. Ari Halberstam was murdered for one reason: He was a Jew.

In her poignant statement before the court, Mrs. Halberstam relates a tearful plea that she hopes that what happened to her and her family, never happen to any other family. Her statement is a powerful one and I urge my colleagues to read it so that they may gain a greater insight into the sorrow and grief suffered by a woman whose son was taken from her in an act of terrorism.

Mr. President, I ask that the text of Mrs. Halberstam's statement be included in the RECORD following the conclusion of my remarks.

The statement follows:

STATEMENT BY MRS. DEVORAH HALBERSTAM BEFORE STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE HAROLD ROTHWAX, JANUARY 18, 1994

Your Honor: Fourteen boys testified before this Court. Fourteen very special young men whose pure and innocent lives are dedicated to the betterment of our world. Fourteen adolescents whose own lives were forever changes on the Brooklyn Bridge less than a year ago on March 1st.

But the youngest of the students—the fifteenth—his voice was silent. And will remain silent forever.

Ari's blue eyes were deep as the ocean—windows to a soul in which I swam and energized myself every day of his 16 brief years.

A soul who feared nothing but the Almighty, whose humility was an inspiration, whose days and nights were testimony to the heights of human endeavor and aspiration.

A soul hand-picked by the Lubavitcher Rebbe and the Rebbe's wife, to serve as their surrogate child from earliest infancy, to be surrounded by their holiness and kindness and universal love.

A gem of a human being who combined the rigors of Chassidic life with its long days of study, with a grace on the basketball court that was star quality. A mere child who would jump at the opportunity—and they were numerous—to relinquish his own bed to a tired guest. A prince of a boy who was generous to a fault with his time—always ready to listen to a troubled friend.

But above all he loved his family, especially his sisters and brothers.

That, your honor, was my son Ari.

That, your honor is the witness who could not be here to testify.

Which is why I have gathered what fragments are left of my energy and sanity, your honor, to address this court today.

On May 6, 1977, I was blessed and overjoyed as my first born son Ari came into this world.

On March 1, 1994 I was there at his side watching as the final color of life ebbed from his dying face. And on that day, I too died your honor. And my husband.

Our lives will never be the same. Yes, my life has been forever shattered by the hot bullet released by Rashid Baz's cold and calculating and viciously Jew-hating hand.

Your honor, we are compelled to look at the shocking and outrageous events that are going on in our world.

Several weeks ago, Islamic terrorists hijacked a French airliner with nearly 200 passengers. Their intent was to explode the jet in the heart of Paris in a suicide mission that would have killed thousands.

Their mission was not the complete success they had hoped for—instead of thousands, only five innocent civilians were actually murdered.

That very week, an Islamic terrorist—explosives strapped to his body—detonated himself beside a crowded public bus in the heart of Jerusalem. His mission was not the complete success he had hoped for—because only one person was seriously wounded, four others less seriously. The 50 passengers on the target bus were miraculously unharmed.

Two years ago, Islamic terrorists attempted to detonate the World Trade Center hoping to collapse a 110 story building and kill tens of thousands of our fellow Americans.

Their mission was not the complete success they had hoped for—because only 6 were actually killed and dozens more wounded.

On March 1st of last year an Islamic terrorist armed with an arsenal of sophisticated weapons stalked a van carrying 15 Rabbinical students on the Brooklyn Bridge with the intent to kill them all. His mission was not the complete success he had hoped for—because only one of the fifteen was killed—And that as you know, was my precious son Ari.

Your honor. The civilized world cannot afford "failures" like these.

Each day, innocent people—men, women and children—are being targeted in the cross hairs of these mass murderers who would kill and wound indiscriminately, not only others, but even themselves.

They murder with the sanction and participation of governments in Teheran and