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Honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. ISSA, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. DINGELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime
Minister Rafik Hariri.

Whereas Rafik Hariri, an esteemed leader and public servant,
was born in Sidon, Lebanon, on November 1, 1944;

Whereas Rafik Hariri served the people of Lebanon as a chief
mediator between Lebanese militias during the 1983 Ge-
neva and 1984 Lebanese reconciliation conferences;

Whereas, under his deep commitment to a united Lebanon,
Rafik Hariri was a primary architect of the Taif national
reconciliation accords of 1989, which put an end to the
Lebanese civil war;

Whereas, as an enormously successful businessman and de-
voted countryman, Rafik Hariri instituted several recon-
struction and investment efforts to help rebuild Lebanon

and restore its status as a center of business, finance, and tourism;

Whereas, as the elected Prime Minister of Lebanon for three consecutive terms from 1992 to 1998 and then two more from 2000 to 2004, Rafik Hariri continued his steadfast dedication to Lebanese unity and economic development, having attracted several foreign investments;

Whereas, Rafik Hariri was a man committed to humanitarian causes, he founded several philanthropic, humanitarian, and educational foundations in Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia to provide educational and medical assistance to the needy;

Whereas Rafik Hariri was held in the highest regard by the international community and met personally with President Bush to discuss U.S.-Lebanese relations as recently as 2002; and

Whereas Rafik Hariri's exemplary leadership shall serve as a model for the world community and he will be deeply missed by world leaders after the news that he was killed February 14, 2005, in Beirut, Lebanon: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the heinous act that killed former
3 Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in the strongest possible terms;

4 (2) extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of former Prime Minister Rafik
5 Hariri and to all the people of Lebanon in this moment of tragedy;

1 (3) expresses its admiration for the historic
2 contributions made by Rafik Hariri over his long
3 and distinguished career of public service; and

4 (4) reaffirms its commitment to the process of
5 building a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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