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Expressing the sense of the Congress that leaders in the Middle East should consider establishing a Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Middle East.

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Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. McCLOSKEY, Mr. FISH, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that leaders in the Middle East should consider establishing a Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Middle East.

Whereas it is in the interest of the United States and the international community to promote security and cooperation through democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in the Middle East;

Whereas recent developments in the Middle East, including the signing of the historic Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, have given rise to new hopes for a just and lasting peace and new opportunities for cooperation in the region;

Whereas the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe has, since 1975, contributed to positive developments in Europe by providing a comprehensive framework for the consideration of questions relating to security, including a regime of confidence and security building measures; cooperation in the fields of economics, science and technology, and the environment; and cooperation in humanitarian and other fields; and

Whereas the framework and mechanisms of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, including those devoted to conflict prevention, could serve as useful models for enhancing security, promoting cooperation, and protecting human rights in the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) it should be the policy of the Government
4 of the United States to encourage leaders in the
5 Middle East to consider establishing a Conference on
6 Security and Cooperation in the Middle East, modeled
7 on the Conference on Security and Cooperation
8 in Europe, as they attempt to overcome the legacy
9 of the past, strengthen peace and understanding,
10 and develop relations based on mutual respect and
11 confidence, respect for human rights and the rule of
12 law, and economic cooperation; and

13 (2) the Government of the United States, drawing
14 upon its extensive experience in the Conference

1 on Security and Cooperation in Europe, should con-
2 sult with interested parties, including the Govern-
3 ment of the Russian Federation, to explore the pos-
4 sibilities for establishing a Conference on Security
5 and Cooperation in the Middle East.

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