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H. CON. RES. 287

Condemning inflammatory statements made by Yassir Arafat relating to certain terrorist activities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVY (for himself, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. KING, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ZIMMER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. CANADY, Ms. SCHENK, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. MARGOLIES-MEZVINSKY, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Mr. KLEIN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. LINDER, Mr. MANTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. COX, and Mr. ROYCE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning inflammatory statements made by Yassir Arafat relating to certain terrorist activities.

Whereas, on September 13, 1993, the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed the Declaration of Principles relating to peace between such Government and Organization;

Whereas, on May 4, 1994, the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed the Cairo Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area;

Whereas paragraph 1 of Article XII of the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area states that the Palestinian Authority “shall...abstain from incitement, including hostile propaganda... and shall take legal measures to prevent such incitement by any organizations, groups, or individuals within their jurisdiction”;

Whereas the Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yassir Arafat, failed to condemn the massacre of Israeli civilians at Afula, Israel, on April 6, 1994, and at Ashod, Israel, on April 7, 1994;

Whereas, on May 10, 1994, Chairman Arafat called for a “Jihad”, or Holy War, to forcibly take possession of the city of Jerusalem;

Whereas, on July 15, 1994, Chairman Arafat stated that “. . . the Palestinian flag will fly over all the Palestinian land . . .”;

Whereas Chairman Arafat has failed to issue a personal statement expressing outrage at the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and

Whereas such statements and actions are inflammatory and impede the progress of peace in the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*

2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) takes umbrage with, and expresses its dis-

4 pleasure at, the continually inflammatory statements

5 made by Chairman Arafat;

1 (2) strongly urges the Secretary of State to use
2 the full authority of his office to press Chairman
3 Arafat to refrain from, and dispense with, the use
4 of inciting and inflammatory rhetoric;

5 (3) urges Chairman Arafat to quickly and un-
6 equivocally condemn any and all terrorist acts aimed
7 at Jews or Israelis; and

8 (4) calls upon Chairman Arafat and the Pal-
9 estinian Authority to continue to work toward fulfill-
10 ing the spirit and letter of the Declaration of Prin-
11 ciples, the Cairo Agreement on the Gaza Strip and
12 Jericho Area, and any other agreements or treaties
13 entered into by the Palestinian Authority.

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