

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 118

To condemn the release by the Government of Malta of convicted terrorist  
Mohammed Ali Rezaq.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 1993

Mr. LANTOS (for himself and Mr. BEREUTER) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

To condemn the release by the Government of Malta of  
convicted terrorist Mohammed Ali Rezaq.

Whereas on November 23, 1985, terrorists hijacked Egypt  
Air flight 648 and diverted it to Malta;

Whereas during the hijacking, 60 people were killed, includ-  
ing citizens of 12 countries;

Whereas one of those killed by the terrorists was Scarlett  
Rogenkamp of Oceanside, California, who was one of 5  
women, including 3 United States citizens, who were shot  
in the head;

Whereas after investigations, Mohammed Ali Rezaq, a sus-  
pected member of the Abu Nidal Organization, was tried  
and convicted in Malta on a variety of charges related to  
the hijacking, including the willful homicide of Scarlett

Rogenkamp and others, and he was sentenced to a prison term of 25 years;

Whereas the Government of Malta assured the United States Government in 1992 that Rezaq would remain in prison until 1996;

Whereas the United States Government learned in February 1993 that the Government of Malta had, without notice to the United States and other interested parties, reduced Rezaq's sentence and planned to release him that month;

Whereas the United States Government and the governments of other countries whose citizens were killed in the hijacking of Egypt Air flight 648 repeatedly urged the Government of Malta to retain Rezaq in custody or make arrangements for him to be tried elsewhere;

Whereas on February 12, 1993, because of concern that Rezaq could be released, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued an arrest warrant for Rezaq, and this warrant was provided to the Government of Malta in the hope that the Government of Malta would continue to detain him;

Whereas the Government of Malta brushed aside the requests that had been made by the governments of the United States and other countries and allowed Rezaq, in the company of an official of the Government of Malta, to fly to another country without notice; and

Whereas these actions by the Government of Malta undermine the efforts to deter international terrorists by letting them go free without serving their sentences: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) strongly condemns the release by the Gov-  
2           ernment of Malta of convicted terrorist Mohammed  
3           Ali Rezaq;

4           (2) believes such action seriously undermines  
5           the efforts to foster good relations between Malta  
6           and the United States and undermines the inter-  
7           national and United States efforts to discourage and  
8           deter international terrorism;

9           (3) urges all governments to cooperate in extra-  
10          diting Rezaq either to the United States or to an-  
11          other concerned country in order that he may face  
12          additional criminal charges for his involvement in  
13          the Egypt Air hijacking and the murder of innocent  
14          civilians;

15          (4) urges all governments to abide by the rule  
16          of law and not provide safe haven to terrorists in  
17          order that terrorism will be met with the full force  
18          of justice and that terrorists will not escape being  
19          held accountable; and

20          (5) urges the President to review the United  
21          States relationship with Malta, including foreign as-  
22          sistance and economic relations.

23          SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives  
24          shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary

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- 1 of State with a request that the Secretary transmit a copy
- 2 of this resolution to the Government of Malta.

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