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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Hebron massacre and the Middle East peace process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. BONIOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on February 25, 1994, at least 39 Muslim worshippers were massacred as they prayed in the West Bank town of Hebron at the Mosque of Abraham, the site of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a shrine that is holy to Muslims, Jews, and Christians;

Whereas as many as 150 innocent people were wounded in this terrorist attack;

Whereas the attack took place during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan;

Whereas the settler who carried out the attack was a member of a terrorist organization, active within the Jewish set-

lements in the West Bank and Gaza, that openly advocates violence against Arabs and their expulsion from Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza; and

Whereas the declared aim of extremist groups such as this organization is to derail the Middle East peace process, and this aim subverts United States national interests and undermines United States policy in the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the Hebron massacre of February
3 25, 1994, as a violation of all standards of civilized
4 human behavior;

5 (2) extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the Palestinian people and to the families
6 of the victims of the massacre;

7 (3) expresses grave concern that at least 25
8 Palestinians have been killed and at least 300 have
9 been injured by the Israeli military since the massacre;
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11 (4) urges all parties to the Middle East peace
12 talks to return to the negotiating table and to redouble
13 their efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just,
14 and lasting peace in the Middle East;

15 (5) urges the Government of Israel to take immediate and effective actions to guarantee the safety
16 of the civilian populations in the West Bank and
17 Gaza;
18 Gaza;
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1 (6) calls for an end to violence against all civil-
2 ians in the region, regardless of their identity;

3 (7) urges the President to support the efforts of
4 the Security Council of the United Nations to guar-
5 antee the security and protection of the civilian Pal-
6 estinian population in the West Bank and Gaza;

7 (8) encourages the Government of the United
8 States—

9 (A) to conduct a domestic investigation,
10 through relevant agencies, of the financial and
11 other connections between Israeli terrorist
12 groups who are opposed to the Middle East
13 peace process, and their supporters in the
14 United States, including alleged recruitment
15 and training, to determine whether any
16 antiterrorism or other laws of the United States
17 have been violated; and

18 (B) to prosecute any such violations to the
19 fullest extent of the law; and

20 (9) calls on the Government of the United
21 States to become more actively engaged as a full
22 partner in the Middle East peace process.

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