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H. RES. 510

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1994

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

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Whereas the world has been rocked by a series of terrorist attacks in recent days, including the bombing of the Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which resulted in the death of at least 95 people and the injury of more than 200 others; two car bombings in London,

England, one targeted against the Israeli embassy and the second against a building housing a Jewish charity, which resulted in the injury of 19 people; and the bombing of a commuter plane in Panama which resulted in the death of 22 people, including three United States citizens;

Whereas, although the most recent terrorist attacks have been directed against the government of Israel and against Jewish citizens of the countries where these terrorist attacks have occurred, these terrorist attacks have also resulted in the death and injury of individuals of all faiths and races;

Whereas United States citizens and American property have been frequent objects of international terrorist attacks, including over one-fifth of all terrorist actions committed in the past year, the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City and the planned bombing of other buildings, tunnels, and facilities in New York;

Whereas the number of individuals killed through terrorist actions in 1994 as a result only of the recent terrorist incidents already exceeds the 109 deaths due to terrorist actions in 1993, which was the highest number reported in the past five years;

Whereas radical opponents of the Middle East peace process, which has been given renewed impetus in recent days with the signing of the Washington Declaration between the governments of Israel and Jordan, have threatened to undermine and disrupt the peace process through terrorist atrocities against the State of Israel, the governments of other countries in the Middle East, and in countries elsewhere around the world; and

Whereas there is substantial evidence linking the Government of Iran and the radical Lebanese organization Hizbollah, which is supported by Iran, to these terrorist activities, as well as substantial evidence of their involvement in other terrorist activities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) conveys to the families of the victims who
3 died and to all those injured in the bombing of the
4 Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina,
5 the bombings in London, England, targeted against
6 the Israeli embassy and a building housing a Jewish
7 charity, and the bombing of a commuter aircraft in
8 Panama the sincerest condolences of the House of
9 Representatives;

10 (2) condemns these acts of terrorism and all
11 acts of terrorism as a grave threat to democracy and
12 to pluralistic open societies and denounces all indi-
13 viduals, organizations, groups, and governments
14 which engage in terrorism or which support or shel-
15 ter those who engage in terrorism;

16 (3) reaffirms its strongest support for the peace
17 process now underway in the Middle East between
18 Israel and the Palestinian people, between Israel and
19 Jordan, and between Israel and other Arab states;
20 condemns the effort by opponents to undermine the
21 peace process through terrorist acts; and urges all

1 countries and peoples to work actively to bring peace
2 to that region;

3 (4) urges the President unilaterally to take ac-
4 tion to strengthen political, diplomatic, and economic
5 sanctions against Iran, as well as against all other
6 countries which support international terrorism, in-
7 cluding Libya, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Cuba, and North
8 Korea, and to strengthen United States efforts
9 against radical Islamic groups, including Hizbollah,
10 which engage in acts of terrorism;

11 (5) urges the President to work to place the
12 issue of international terrorism on the agenda for
13 the next summit meeting of the leaders of the G-7
14 group of nations and in this forum to raise directly
15 with the Japanese and our European allies the issue
16 of intensifying economic, political and diplomatic
17 pressure against Iran and other state sponsors of
18 terrorism;

19 (6) requests the President to work to bring the
20 issue of international terrorism before the Organiza-
21 tion of American States as a priority issue and to
22 provide technical support and assistance to the coun-
23 tries of the Americas to improve their intelligence
24 and investigative capacity to counter threats and
25 acts of international terrorism; and

1 (7) urges the President of the United States to
2 convene a conference on international terrorism with
3 the participation and involvement of government
4 leaders at the highest level, to intensify and coordi-
5 nate an effective international response in order to
6 prevent future acts of terrorism and to bring to jus-
7 tice the perpetrators of such heinous and criminal
8 acts against humanity, and to intensify and coordi-
9 nate international political, diplomatic, and economic
10 sanctions against Iran and other countries which
11 support international terrorism.

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