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# H. CON. RES. 146

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in  
Jerusalem on September 4, 1997.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado, Mr. COOK, Mr. RYUN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. FOLEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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The Committee on International Relations discharged; considered and agreed  
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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist  
bombing in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997.

Whereas on September 4, 1997, three terrorist bombs exploded almost simultaneously on the Ben Yehuda Street pedestrian mall in Jerusalem, killing at least four innocent people and wounding over 190 others;

Whereas Hamas claimed responsibility for this bombing;

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Whereas despite a clear United States call that Palestinian commitment to fight terror must be constant and absolute, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat convened a national unity conference on August 20, 1997, in which he embraced leaders of the Hamas and Islamic Holy War movements;

Whereas in the four years that the Oslo process has been in effect, it is clear that the leaders of the Palestinian Authority have yet to implement in any sustained manner the specific pledges they made in numerous agreements to: (1) prevent incitement and hostile propaganda; (2) combat terrorist organizations and their infrastructure systematically and effectively; (3) apprehend and punish terrorists; and (4) confiscate illegal firearms: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) expresses its outrage at this latest attack on  
 4        civilian Israelis, extends the deepest sympathies of  
 5        the Congress and the American people to the fami-  
 6        lies of the victims and to the people and government  
 7        of Israel at this tragic loss of innocent human life,  
 8        and expresses the commitment of the American peo-  
 9        ple to remain dedicated to Israel's security in the  
 10       face of this brutal and heinous act of terrorism;

11            (2) demands that Chairman Arafat and the  
 12        Palestinian Authority systematically and comprehen-  
 13        sively eliminate the terrorist infrastructure and com-

1       bat terrorist activities of members of all terror  
2       groups operating in areas under its control, and ful-  
3       fill the commitments the PLO made to Israel, the  
4       United States, and the world;

5           (3) informs PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and  
6       the leaders of the Palestinian Authority in the  
7       strongest possible terms that choices must now be  
8       made: either they do what they solemnly pledged to  
9       do as part of the Oslo process to fight terror and the  
10      terrorist infrastructure in a consistent, serious and  
11      sustained manner, or the entire peace process, rela-  
12      tions with America, and the hopes of the Palestinian  
13      people for a better future will be seriously jeopard-  
14      ized;

15          (4) urges Secretary of State Madeleine Albright  
16      to underscore to the Palestinians one distinct mes-  
17      sage: the Palestinian Authority must fulfill its most  
18      important single obligation of fighting terrorism re-  
19      lentlessly with all the means at its disposal; and

20          (5) believes that all United States assistance to  
21      the Palestinian Authority, whether direct or indirect,  
22      should be suspended until such time as substantive  
23      compliance with its commitments under the Oslo  
24      agreements is achieved.

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