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H. CON. RES. 220

Regarding American victims of terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. POSHARD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Regarding American victims of terrorism.

Whereas the traditional policy of the United States, reiterated by this Administration, has been to vigorously pursue and apprehend terrorists who have killed American citizens in other countries;

Whereas numerous American citizens have been killed by Palestinian terrorists, most of them in Israel or the Israeli administered territories, including 9 since the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, namely Nachshon Wachsman (New York), Alisa Flatow (New Jersey), Sara Duker (New Jersey), Matthew Eisenfeld (Connecticut), Joan Davenny (Connecticut), David Boim (New York), Yaron

Ungar (New York), Leah Stern (New Jersey), and Yael Botwin (California);

Whereas 9 of the terrorists suspected in the killings of American citizens in Israel or the Israeli administered territories during 1993–1997 have been identified by Israel as residents of Palestinian Authority-controlled territory, namely Mohammed Dief, Nabil Sharihi, Nafez Sabih, Imjad Hinawi, Muhi a-Din a-Sharif, Abd al-Majid Dudin, Adel Awadallah, Ibrahim Ghneimat, and Mahmoud Abu Hanudeh;

Whereas, according to the Israeli Government, 7 of those 9 terrorist suspects are currently believed to be free men, and the other two are apparently in the custody of the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has not honored any Israeli requests for the transfer of four of these and at least 30 other terrorist suspects to Israel for prosecution, although the Oslo accords require the Palestinian Authority to honor such requests;

Whereas the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 permits the prosecution, in the United States, of individuals who murder American citizens abroad; and

Whereas the United States has previously acted to bring to justice those responsible for the deaths of American citizens and has established a precedence of United States intervention by demanding that Libyan leader Moammar Qadaffi transfer to the United States the Libyan terrorists suspected of bombing Pan Am flight 103: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the

1 United States should demand that Yasir Arafat and the
2 Palestinian Authority transfer to the United States, for
3 prosecution, those residents of its territory who are sus-
4 pected in the killings of American citizens.

