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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to ceasing hostilities in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to ceasing hostilities in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.

Whereas it is in the best interests of Israel, the Palestinian Authority, the countries located in the Middle East, and of the world that the violence that has consumed Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip cease immediately;

Whereas there is a grave danger that clashes between Palestinians and Israelis will escalate and lead to greater bloodshed in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip;

Whereas the ongoing period of violence that began on September 28, 2000, between Israelis and Palestinians has destabilized the Middle East and increased the likelihood of a regional armed conflict;

Whereas Israelis and the Palestinians have thus far been unable to stop the violence despite bilateral talks;

Whereas efforts undertaken by the United States and others have also been unable to halt the bloodshed between Israelis and Palestinians; and

Whereas it is in the interests of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority to abide by current peace agreements and explore all viable options that would lead to a cessation of hostilities and a permanent peace agreement: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Israel and the Palestinian Authority should
4 fully commit themselves to end hostilities and work
5 toward a permanent peace agreement; and

6 (2) failing an immediate cessation of hostilities,
7 and a stall in mediation efforts, the United Nations
8 should meet to address the situation in Israel, the
9 West Bank, and the Gaza Strip and should author-
10 ize the Secretary-General of the United Nations to
11 take appropriate steps to bring about an end to the
12 53-year-old conflict in the region, including, if nec-
13 essary, the use of United Nations peacekeeping
14 forces.

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