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Congratulating the Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, calling for an end to violence in the Middle East, reaffirming the friendship between the Governments of the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2001

Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. ACKERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, calling for an end to violence in the Middle East, reaffirming the friendship between the Governments of the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Israel are close allies and share a deep and abiding friendship based on a shared commitment to democratic values;

Whereas since its establishment in 1948, Israel has fulfilled the dreams of its founders who envisioned a vigorous, open, and stable democracy;

Whereas the centerpiece of Israeli democracy is its system of competitive, free, and open elections;

Whereas on February 6, 2001, the people of Israel elected Ariel Sharon as Prime Minister of Israel; and

Whereas the election on February 6, 2001, is the most recent example of the commitment of Israel to the democratic ideals of freedom and pluralism, ideals that Israel shares with the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates Ariel Sharon on his election
3 as Prime Minister, and extends to him the best
4 wishes of the people of the United States;

5 (2) commends the people of Israel for reaffirm-
6 ing, through their participation in the election on
7 February 6, 2001, their dedication to democratic
8 ideals;

9 (3) urges Palestinian Liberation Organization
10 Chairman Yasser Arafat to use his influence and re-
11 sources to see that violence in the Middle East is
12 brought to an end;

13 (4) calls upon the countries that neighbor Israel
14 and upon the international community to respect the
15 freely expressed will of the people of Israel and to
16 be prepared to engage in constructive relations with
17 the new Government of Israel;

18 (5) reaffirms the close bonds of friendship that
19 have bound the people of the United States and the

1 people of Israel together through turbulent times for
2 more than half a century; and

3 (6) restates the commitment of the United
4 States to a secure peace for Israel.

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