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H. RES. 374

Calling for an immediate cessation of the violence in the Middle East and a resumption of negotiations to end the conflict in the region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2002

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. DINGELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Calling for an immediate cessation of the violence in the Middle East and a resumption of negotiations to end the conflict in the region.

Whereas since September 2000 the Israeli and Palestinian people have been locked in a cycle of violence that has resulted in the deaths of more than 1,500 persons;

Whereas the Vice President has publicly affirmed that “the burden is on both parties to bring an end to the violence” in the Middle East;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) established the principle of “land for peace” as a means to end the conflict in the Middle East;

Whereas it is important that all parties to the conflict in the Middle East respect universally accepted norms of international humanitarian law;

Whereas a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in the Middle East is in the interests of the United States;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1397, adopted on March 12, 2002, by a vote of 14–0, confirms the President’s vision of “two sovereign states able to reside in peace with one another”;

Whereas Security Council Resolution 1397 calls for “the immediate cessation of all acts of violence [in the Middle East], including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and destruction”; and

Whereas Security Council Resolution 1397 calls upon “the Israeli and Palestinian sides and their leaders to cooperate in the implementation of the Tenet work plan and Mitchell Report recommendations with the aim of resuming negotiations on a political settlement” to the conflict in the Middle East: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, concurring), That the House of
2 Representatives—

3 (1) reaffirms the principles of United Nations
4 Security Council Resolution 1397 (March 12, 2002);
5 and

6 (2) expresses support for the efforts of the
7 United Nations Secretary General, special envoys
8 from the Russian Federation and the European
9 Union, United States special envoy Anthony Zinni,

- 1 and others to assist the parties to halt the violence
- 2 and resume the peace process in the Middle East.

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