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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2008

Mr. WEINER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas a gunman walked into a prominent Jewish seminary in Jerusalem with an AK–47 assault rifle and opened fire on students as they read in the library, killing eight and wounding nine;

Whereas the seminary is the Mercaz Harav yeshiva in the Kiryat Moshe quarter at the entrance to Jerusalem, a prestigious center of Jewish studies;

Whereas the seminary shooting was the first major attack by Palestinian terrorists in Jerusalem since a suicide bomber killed eight people on February 22, 2004;
Whereas Hezbollah’s Al-Manar satellite TV station in Lebanon said a previously unknown group called the Martyrs of Imad Mughniyeh and Gaza was responsible for the attack;

Whereas about 7,000 Gazans marched in the streets of Jebaliya firing guns in the air in celebration of the attack;

Whereas in the southern town of Rafah, residents distributed sweets to moving cars, and militants fired mortars in celebration; and

Whereas Hamas, the radical Islamic movement that controls Gaza, praised the attack in a statement saying “It was a natural response to Israeli crimes in Gaza. We bless this act. It won’t be the last one”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States House of Representatives expresses its condolences to the families of the eight people killed and nine people wounded in the library of the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem’s Kiryat Moshe quarter on March 6, 2008.