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H. RES. 347

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the spiraling violence in Algeria.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on January 11, 1992, the military backed Government of Algeria canceled the second round of parliamentary elections that the Algerian Islamic Salvation Front was expected to win;

Whereas 1992 saw the start of Islamic terrorism;

Whereas the 1992 elections would probably have been won by those who wanted to establish an Islamic state;

Whereas the international community has witnessed mass murders and violations of human rights in Algeria;

Whereas, recently, violence has become increasingly widespread and barbaric;

Whereas these acts of brutal violence have left thousands of innocent civilians, particularly women and young children, dead or injured;

Whereas there has been little to no progress in brokering a cease-fire after six years of slaughter;

Whereas the Algerian Government refuses to allow an international inquiry into the massacres; and

Whereas the world community must not tolerate crimes against humanity or any other violations of international law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns the atrocities being car-
3 ried out in Algeria;

4 (2) condemns the perpetrators of violence and
5 other crimes against humanity and violations of fun-
6 damental human rights in Algeria;

7 (3) condemns those who are inciting violence
8 and urges all Algerians to cease recourse to violence;

9 (4) urges the Government in Algeria to take all
10 necessary and lawful steps to prevent violence;

11 (5) urges the Algerian leadership to be more
12 open and to cooperate with international inquiries;

13 (6) encourages the Algerian authorities to act
14 more effectively to prevent violence from occurring
15 and to stop it more speedily when it occurs;

16 (7) urges the Government of Algeria to fulfill
17 the basic functions of any government to provide for

1 the security, safety, and welfare of all its citizens;
2 and

3 (8) urges the United States to continue to call
4 for national reconciliation and a more democratic
5 course in Algeria and to encourage the Algiers re-
6 gime to have a dialogue with all who renounce vio-
7 lence.

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