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H. CON. RES. 109

Commending the people of Israel for reaffirming, in its elections, its dedication to democratic ideals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. OSE, Mr. FROST, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. DIXON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BERRY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FILNER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MINGE, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HORN, Ms. LEE, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. REYES, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. KING, Mr. NADLER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. ROTHMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the people of Israel for reaffirming, in its elections, its dedication to democratic ideals, and for other purposes.

Whereas since its creation 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 and free elections;

Whereas on May 17, 1999, the Israeli people—Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs—went to the polls in large numbers in a remarkably peaceful election; and

Whereas this election is only the latest example of Israel’s commitment to the democratic ideals of freedom and pluralism, values that it shares with the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress of the United States—

3 (1) commends the people of Israel for reaffirm-
4 ing, in the May 17 election, its dedication to demo-
5 cratic ideals;

6 (2) congratulates Ehud Barak on his election as
7 Prime Minister of Israel; and

8 (3) pledges to work with the President of the
9 United States and the new Government of Israel to
10 strengthen the bonds between the United States and
11 Israel and to advance the cause of peace in the Mid-
12 dle East.

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