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H. CON. RES. 154

Congratulating Ehud Barak on his election as Prime Minister of Israel and encouraging Israel and her neighbors, Syria and Lebanon, to establish a lasting peace agreement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1999

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. WEINER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WU) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating Ehud Barak on his election as Prime Minister of Israel and encouraging Israel and her neighbors, Syria and Lebanon, to establish a lasting peace agreement.

Whereas Israel is the only democratic country in the Middle East;

Whereas Israel is a strong political and military ally of the United States;

Whereas Ehud Barak has been elected Prime Minister of Israel and is committed to moving the Middle East peace process forward;

Whereas in order for the Middle East peace process to be moved forward, the security of Israel and the Israeli people must be guaranteed;

Whereas a unilateral declaration of statehood by the Palestinian Authority will irrevocably damage the Middle East peace process and the security of the State of Israel;

Whereas Syria and Lebanon are the only two neighbors sharing borders with Israel that have not negotiated a peace agreement with Israel; and

Whereas the involvement of the United States has led to peace agreements between Israel and both Egypt and Jordan: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates Ehud Barak on his election as
4 Prime Minister of Israel;

5 (2) recognizes that the only way peace can be
6 established between Israel and her neighbors is if
7 the security of the citizens of Israel is guaranteed;

8 (3) encourages Israel, along with Syria and
9 Lebanon, to establish negotiations to ensure a long-
10 term peace in the region which respects the security
11 of both the State of Israel and the Israeli people;
12 and

- 1 (4) encourages the Secretary of State to work
- 2 with Israel, Lebanon, and Syria to develop a long-
- 3 term and lasting peace for the Middle East.

