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# H. CON. RES. 163

Calling for the full investigation of the Jewish Cultural Center bombing  
in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18, 1994.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1999

Mr. WEINER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for the full investigation of the Jewish Cultural Center bombing in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18, 1994.

Whereas on July 18, 1994, the Jewish Cultural Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was bombed and destroyed in an attack that killed 86 people and wounded more than 300, most of whom were not Jewish;

Whereas the 7-story center housed the offices of 2 Jewish organizations, the Delegation of Argentine Jewish Association and the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association;

Whereas in honor and memory of the bombing victims, Julio Macchi, the President of the Argentinean stock exchange, closed the exchange for 1 day;

Whereas Judge Juan Jose Galeano has been leading the investigation of the bombing and is responsible for more than 80 arrests;

Whereas for over 50 years, Argentina has borne the uneasy distinction of being both a refuge for former Nazi Germany officers who fled there after World War II and a home for many Jews who now number approximately 300,000;

Whereas author and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, recently criticized the investigation into the 1994 bombing, stating that there has been a lack of professionalism and decisiveness in the search for the perpetrators;

Whereas members of Argentina's Jewish community similarly have expressed a lack of confidence in the investigation; and

Whereas Argentina has been under intense pressure from Israel and the local Jewish community, the largest in Latin America, to solve the 1994 bombing, as well as the 1992 car bomb attack on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires that killed 29 people: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) calls upon the Argentine Government to  
4        fully support and devote all resources necessary to  
5        the independent efforts of Judge Juan Jose Galeano  
6        and to fully investigate, apprehend, and prosecute  
7        those responsible for the bombing of the Jewish Cul-  
8        tural Center in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994;

1           (2) requests especially that the Argentine secu-  
2       rity forces and the judiciary of Argentina not impede  
3       this independent investigation;

4           (3) requests that Argentine President Carlos  
5       Menem appoint an independent committee to inves-  
6       tigate and report on the integrity and competence of  
7       Argentina's system of justice; and

8           (4) commends President Menem for his stated  
9       intention of bringing to justice those responsible for  
10      the bombing.

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