

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 216

Condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 1999

Mr. ROGAN (for himself, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mrs. BONO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. McKEON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. HORN, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DINGELL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DREIER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia.

Whereas on October 27, 1999, several armed individuals broke into Armenia's Parliament and assassinated the Prime Minister of Armenia, Vazgen Sargsian, the Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Karen Demirchian, the Deputy Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Yuri

Bakhshian, the Minister of Operative Issues, Leonard Petrossian, and other members of the Armenian Government;

Whereas Armenia has fully implemented democracy, the rule of law, and a viable free market economy since obtaining its freedom from Soviet rule in 1991;

Whereas Armenia has shown itself to be a valued ally of the United States and the democratic nations of the world; and

Whereas all nations of the world mourn the loss suffered by Armenia on October 27, 1999: Now, therefore, be it

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

3               (1) deplores the slaying of the Prime Minister  
4       of Armenia, Vazgen Sargsian, the Chairman of the  
5       Armenian Parliament, Karen Demirchian, the Dep-  
6       uty Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Yuri  
7       Bakhshian, the Minister of Operative Issues, Leon-  
8       ard Petrossian, and other members of the Armenian  
9       Government struck down in this violent attack;

10              (2) strongly shares the determination of the Ar-  
11       menian people that the perpetrators of these vile  
12       acts will be swiftly brought to justice so that Arme-  
13       nia may demonstrate its resolute opposition to acts  
14       of terror;

15              (3) commends the efforts of the late Prime  
16       Minister and the Armenian Government for their

1       commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and for  
2       supporting free market movements internationally;  
3       and  
4       (4) continues to cherish the strong alliance be-  
5       tween Armenia and the United States.

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