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# H. RES. 265

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should actively encourage holders of Jordanian debt to provide debt relief in order to strengthen the economy of Jordan.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 1999

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SAWYER, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should actively encourage holders of Jordanian debt to provide debt relief in order to strengthen the economy of Jordan.

Whereas the new king of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, King Abudllah bin al-Hussein, has already demonstrated his determination and skill in following in the footsteps of his late father, King Hussein Bin Talal, who was a powerful force for peace and stability in the Middle East;

Whereas an economically strong and viable Jordan would make additional vital and positive contributions in fostering peace and security in that region;

Whereas the United Nations sanctions which have been imposed against the Government of Iraq have placed a disproportionate economic burden upon the people and the Government of Jordan;

Whereas the current burden of Jordan's international debt, which now totals over \$7,183,000,000, represents a debilitating and oppressive hardship on the Jordanian people and their well-being and the Jordanian economy, impacting negatively upon King Abudllah's efforts to exert a positive influence in the region;

Whereas during the period 1994 through 1996 the United States Government forgave approximately \$698,000,000 of Jordanian debt to the United States;

Whereas Jordan has significant indebtedness with Japan, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, other member countries of the G-7, and the Gulf States; and

Whereas the recent Israeli elections open an encouraging but brief and fragile window of opportunity to proceed toward stability and peaceful progress in Middle East region: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) commends the Administration for its leadership  
3               ship in forgiving \$698,000,000 of debt owed by Jordan  
4               dan to the United States;

5               (2) urges the President and the Secretary of  
6               State to take appropriate diplomatic and other  
7               measures to support and assist the Jordanian economy,  
8               including advocating that member countries of

1 the G-7 and other countries which are holders of  
2 Jordanian debt forgive that indebtedness;

3 (3) requests that the Secretary of State report  
4 to the Committee on International Relations regard-  
5 ing efforts to strengthen the Jordanian economy and  
6 the results of efforts made pursuant to this resolu-  
7 tion to secure the forgiveness of Jordanian debt; and

8 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
9 atives to send a copy of this resolution to the Sec-  
10 retary of State with the request that it be forwarded  
11 to the Governments of Japan, France, the United  
12 Kingdom, Germany, and other countries which are  
13 holders of Jordanian debt.

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