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H. RES. 340

Expressing the appreciation of the House of Representatives to the King of Jordan for his efforts to support the Middle East peace process and to condemn efforts within Jordan to further hostility between Jordanians and Israelis by ostracizing and boycotting those individuals who have had any contact with Israel or Israeli citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation of the House of Representatives to the King of Jordan for his efforts to support the Middle East peace process and to condemn efforts within Jordan to further hostility between Jordanians and Israelis by ostracizing and boycotting those individuals who have had any contact with Israel or Israeli citizens.

Whereas Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty in 1994;

Whereas King Hussein of Jordan made the establishment of peace in the Middle East a priority for his country and worked to secure peace up until his death;

Whereas King Abdullah, since assuming the throne in February 1999, has continued the peacemaking efforts of his late father;

Whereas King Abdullah has worked to strengthen Jordan's trade and investment with Israel;

Whereas there is an "anti-normalization" movement in Jordan which seeks to boycott any Jordanian who has had social, business, academic, or cultural exchanges with Israel or the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas the proponents of "anti-normalization" have as a goal to boycott products of "collaborators", ruin their businesses, and force them out of government service and union membership;

Whereas a "collaborator" may be a government employee who may have traveled to Israel for work purposes, a businessman who traded with Israel, a journalist who wrote about Israel, or even an Israeli-born Arab who has an Israeli passport;

Whereas the opponents of normalized relations with Israel have reportedly assembled a list of "collaborators", and have said that they will begin publishing names from the list in the near future;

Whereas the publication of this list is an effort to prevent, through intimidation and fear, the "normalization" of ties between Jordan and Israel; and

Whereas supporters of the anti-normalization movement have as their stated goal the establishment of a "psychological barrier of hostility between Arabs and the Jewish State": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the efforts of King Abdullah of Jordan to further the Mid-
- 3 dle East peace process and condemns efforts within Jor-
- 4 dan to oppose normalization of ties with Israel by ostra-

- 1 cizing and boycotting those individuals who have had any
- 2 contact with Israel or Israeli citizens.

