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S. CON. RES. 63

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 1999

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and expressing the sense of the Congress in 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 is working toward democracy, the rule of law, and a viable free market economy since obtaining its freedom from Soviet rule in 1991; 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 Senate (the House of Representatives*
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 Demirehian, the Deputy
6 Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Yuri
7 Bakhshian, the Minister of Operative Issues, Leonard
8 Petrossian, and other members of the Armenian
9 Government struck down in this violent attack;

10 (2) strongly shares the determination of the Armenian
11 people that the perpetrators of these vile
12 acts will be swiftly brought to justice so that Armenia
13 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
17 commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and for
18 supporting free market movements internationally;
19 and

- 1 (4) continues to cherish the strong friendship
- 2 between Armenia and the United States.

