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H. CON. RES. 369

Calling upon Yasser Arafat and the leaders of other countries in the Middle East to accept the existence of Israel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling upon Yasser Arafat and the leaders of other countries in the Middle East to accept the existence of Israel.

Whereas the United States seeks peace with security for Israel and the Palestinian people;

Whereas ongoing terrorist attacks against Israel have created conditions that threaten both the Jewish State and regional peace;

Whereas Israel currently relies upon territories captured in the course of previous defensive wars to protect itself against renewed attacks;

Whereas in the absence of a genuine commitment to peaceful coexistence with Israel on the part of the Palestinian people and Israel's historic enemies, the relinquishing of

such territories by Israel could give rise to new and potentially mortal threats to the Jewish State;

Whereas under Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization, at the 12th Session of the Palestinian National Council held in Cairo, Egypt in 1974, adopted a “Plan of Phases” which envisioned a 3-step approach for the destruction of the State of Israel; and

Whereas the Palestinian National Authority routinely uses a map of “Palestine” in its offices, on the uniforms of its personnel, on its web site, and in the textbooks used to teach Palestinian children, in which Israel does not exist but is represented as part of the nation of “Palestine”:
Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) calls upon Yasser Arafat to embrace a vi-
4 sion for a genuine and just peace in the Middle East
5 by formally renouncing any map of Palestine that
6 denies the existence of the State of Israel; and

7 (2) calls upon the leaders of Saudi Arabia,
8 Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Libya, Iran, Iraq, and other
9 nations that have historically been enemies of Israel,
10 many of whom will be meeting in Beirut on March
11 27, and 28, 2002, to express their commitment to
12 peaceful coexistence with Israel through a similar
13 public expression of accepting the existence of Israel.

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