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# H. RES. 470

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing gratitude to Israeli law enforcement officers for the counterterrorism training and consultation they have provided to law enforcement officers in the United States, acknowledging the common challenges that terrorism presents to law enforcement in the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

Whereas law enforcement officers in the United States have played a vital role in protecting the United States from terrorist attacks;

Whereas 72 of the 234 law enforcement officers in the United States killed in the line of duty in 2001 were victims of

the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001;

Whereas since September 2000, Israel has been defending itself against a campaign of terror, during which more than 820 Israelis have been killed and over 5,450 Israelis have been wounded;

Whereas since September 2000, Israeli law enforcement officers, in cooperation with other Israeli security services, have thwarted an average of 3 attempted terrorist attacks on Israelis every day;

Whereas on several occasions in the past decade, Israeli law enforcement officers have trained, advised, and consulted with law enforcement delegations from several cities in the United States to enhance counterterrorism capabilities in the United States, including—

(1) since 1992, multiple visits by delegations of senior Israeli law enforcement officers to the State of Georgia, and by Georgia law enforcement officers to Israel, which have consisted of mutual consultation on security, bomb disposal, and computerized communication at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996;

(2) in 2000, a visit by Winter Olympic Games security officers to Israel for security consultation in preparation for the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2002;

(3) in October 2001, a visit by senior Israeli law enforcement officers to Palm Beach, Florida, to advise law enforcement officers on the handling of hazardous materials, intelligence-gathering, and first response to acts of terrorism;

(4) in October 2001, a visit by Israeli law enforcement commanders to Boston, Massachusetts, to advise law enforcement officers on counterterrorism;

(5) in May 2002, a visit to Israel by five investigators from the New York City Police Department's counterterrorism and intelligence bureaus to gather information on how to prevent suicide bombings;

(6) in 2002, a visit to Israel by a senior detective from the Los Angeles Police Department to gather information on preventing suicide bombings, guarding high-profile events against terrorist attacks, and increasing public awareness of suicide bombings;

(7) in January 2003, a visit to Israel by 33 senior law enforcement officers from United States cities, including Boston, Detroit, the District of Columbia, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Kansas City, Missouri, and Portland, Oregon, as well as officers from the United States Capitol Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for instruction on identifying terrorist cells, gaining public support for counterterrorism efforts, and coping with the aftermath of a terrorist attack; and

(8) in January 2003, the stationing of a full-time representative of the New York City Police Department in Jerusalem, Israel, coupled with the stationing of a second full-time representative of Israeli law enforcement in the District of Columbia, to increase intelligence-sharing and other joint programs: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) expresses its gratitude to Israeli law en-  
 3       forcement for its assistance in training and advising  
 4       various law enforcement officers of the United

1 States in improving public awareness of, prevention  
2 of, and response to terrorist attacks in the United  
3 States;

4 (2) encourages continued cooperation between  
5 Israeli law enforcement and law enforcement in the  
6 United States in order to further enhance the  
7 counterterrorism capabilities of law enforcement in  
8 the United States; and

9 (3) recognizes the common challenges that ter-  
10 rorism presents to law enforcement in the United  
11 States, Israel, and other democracies faced with the  
12 threat of terrorism.

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