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Expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the historic opportunity
for peace in the Middle East.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 1993

Mr. HAMILTON (for himself and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following
concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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Considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the historic
opportunity for peace in the Middle East.

Whereas the conflict in the Middle East has caused untold
suffering for many decades;

Whereas the people of the State of Israel have the right to
live in peace within secure and recognized borders;

Whereas successive administrations of the United States Gov-
ernment have worked diligently to achieve a just and last-
ing peace in the Middle East;

Whereas under the leadership of President Carter, Israeli
Prime Minister Begin and Egyptian President Sadat
signed the historic Camp David Accords of 1978;

Whereas under the leadership of President Bush, a dialogue among the parties to the Middle East conflict was initiated at Madrid in October 1991;

Whereas this dialogue was continued through the strong and constructive efforts of President Clinton and his administration;

Whereas the Government of Norway, through its Foreign Minister, played an instrumental role in facilitating the negotiations that led to the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization;

Whereas the Palestine Liberation Organization has recognized the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security, announced that it renounces terrorism and other acts of violence, and agreed to amend its charter to delete all references to the destruction of the State of Israel;

Whereas the State of Israel has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people;

Whereas Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have agreed to a Declaration of Principles concerning an interim period of limited autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza; and

Whereas many difficult issues remain to be resolved in future discussions: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports the agreement between Israel and
4 the Palestine Liberation Organization, and hopes it
5 will serve as an historic opportunity to move toward

1 a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle
2 East;

3 (2) applauds the efforts of the Clinton adminis-
4 tration to facilitate these developments;

5 (3) welcomes the decision of the Palestine Lib-
6 eration Organization to recognize the State of Israel
7 and to renounce terrorism and other acts of violence
8 and accept the path of peaceful coexistence;

9 (4) welcomes the decision of the State of Israel
10 to enter into this Declaration of Principles, and reaffirms
11 its commitment to helping assure the continued
12 security of the State of Israel;

13 (5) commends all those who have worked diligently to achieve these accords;

15 (6) encourages all parties to the Middle East
16 peace process to continue to work vigorously in the
17 pursuit of a comprehensive peace for the region; and

18 (7) endorses continuing United States engagement in the peace process, and is committed to supporting efforts to make this agreement a success.

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