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H. CON. RES. 174

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the anti-American and anti-Semitic remarks of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 1997

Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. LANTOS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the anti-American and anti-Semitic remarks of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed.

Whereas over the last several weeks, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed of Malaysia has publicly made inflammatory anti-American and anti-Semitic statements;

Whereas his characterization of a “Jewish agenda” to destroy the Malaysian economy is hateful bigotry recalling the horrors of Nazi doctrine and history’s darkest moments;

Whereas it is the responsibility of the United States Congress to respond to the dangerous scapegoating of ethnic, religious, and cultural groups throughout the world; and

Whereas the United States and Malaysia have had a close and enduring relationship since 1957, and the negative

and volatile remarks of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed violate the spirit of friendship and cooperation between our two nations: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the democratically-elected Government of
 4 Malaysia should, on behalf of the Malaysian people,
 5 specifically condemn the verbal attacks articulated
 6 by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed;

7 (2) the Prime Minister of Malaysia should him-
 8 self apologize and acknowledge the destructive and
 9 divisive nature of his words, or as an alternative, re-
 10 sign as the Prime Minister of Malaysia; and

11 (3) the United States and Malaysia should con-
 12 tinue to strengthen their bilateral cooperation and
 13 work to ensure the human rights of all ethnic, reli-
 14 gious, and cultural groups.

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