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S. RES. 372

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1322.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 12 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK)) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1322.

Whereas in an Emergency Special Session, the United Nations Security Council voted on October 7, 2000, to approve Resolution 1322, which unfairly blames Israel for the outbreak of violence and politicizes the Geneva Convention;

Whereas Resolution 1322 singles out Israel for the use of excessive force against Palestinians while ignoring identical acts perpetrated by Palestinians against Israelis;

Whereas Resolution 1322 incorrectly labels the September 28, 2000, visit of Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to Temple Mount, a holy place open to all members of all faiths, as the “provocation” for violence;

Whereas there is clear evidence this violence was a premeditated and coordinated action by the Palestinian Authority and Palestinian militias;

Whereas Israeli army officials noted a sharp increase in attacks against security forces and Israeli civilians in the weeks before September 28, 2000, including the killing of one soldier and the wounding of another in a Gaza Strip ambush on September 27;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has used official Palestinian television and the Voice of Palestine radio to incite violence;

Whereas there is evidence that Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti, Chairman Arafat's top political lieutenant in the West Bank, has been orchestrating the rioting of armed uniformed police and civilians;

Whereas the United States refused to veto Resolution 1322, although United States Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke reportedly declared it "unbalanced, biased, and really a lousy piece of work"; and

Whereas the United States has vetoed three anti-Israel Security Council Resolutions since the 1993 Oslo Accords and has still played a constructive role in the peace process as an "honest broker": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby—

2 (1) denounces the United States failure to vote
3 against United Nations Security Council Resolution
4 1322;

5 (2) condemns the United Nations Security
6 Council for its discrimination against the State of

1 Israel and its efforts to manipulate the Fourth Ge-
2 neva Conference for the sole purpose of attacking
3 Israel; and

4 (3) urges the leaders of the Israeli and Pales-
5 tinian peoples to seek a secure future through the
6 end of violence and the resumption of the peace
7 process.

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