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Condemning President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran for addressing the United Nations on Yom Kippur.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LANCE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. LANDRY, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. WALSH of Illinois, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. POSEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran for addressing the United Nations on Yom Kippur.

Whereas Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has specifically threatened both the United States and Israel publicly and politically on a continual basis;

Whereas Ahmadinejad and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran have directly threatened several friends and allies of the United States, whom are all members of the United Nations General Assembly;

Whereas Ahmadinejad recently stated, “The very existence of the Zionist regime is an insult to humankind and an af-

front to all world nations” and has consistently referred to Zionists in both the United States and Israel as “the true manifestation of Satan”;

Whereas Ahmadinejad has often called for the destruction of Israel, demanding for it to be “wiped off the map”;

Whereas Ahmadinejad has consistently denied the evidence of the Holocaust, an event that took the lives of more than 6,000,000 Jewish people;

Whereas under Article 2, paragraph 4 of the United Nations Charter, all members of the United Nations shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, but Ahmadinejad has specifically failed to do so;

Whereas Ahmadinejad and his regime pose a clear threat to national security interests in the United States, as demonstrated by Tehran’s nuclear program and their enduring assistance to terrorist groups in the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere including Hamas, Hezbollah, and other extremists that seek to undermine regional stability and threaten the good order of the United Nations;

Whereas the Government of Iran has been subject to numerous United Nations Security Council and International Atomic Energy Agency resolutions;

Whereas Ahmadinejad has publicly denounced and spoken out against the terms of the resolutions pertaining to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in clear violation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas current United States sanctions have not yet stopped the Government of Iran from moving forward with its illicit nuclear program;

Whereas Ahmadinejad is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly on September 26, 2012, on the Jewish High Holiday of Yom Kippur;

Whereas Yom Kippur, the “Day of Atonement” is regarded as the most sacred holiday in the Jewish faith;

Whereas it would not only be offensive, but insensitive for the United Nations to allow Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to address the General Assembly at all, let alone on the holiest of all Jewish holidays, Yom Kippur, after making such vicious statements towards world Jewry and the State of Israel;

Whereas the United States must urge the United Nations to prevent this speech from taking place;

Whereas Jewish people all over the world should be able to observe their holy day in peace;

Whereas an outspoken, anti-semitic Iranian leader should not be given the opportunity to criticize a Jewish person’s right to freely practice religion or denounce Israel’s right to exist on the largest international stage; and

Whereas Ahmadinejad and the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran have shown that they are not willing to work with the international community or respect the order of the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress condemns President*
- 3 *Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the leaders of the Islamic Re-*

- 1 public of Iran for addressing the United Nations on Yom
- 2 Kippur.

