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RAHALL SUBMITS MID-EAST RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON D.C. --- UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WEST VIRGINIA), HAS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION IN THE CONGRESS, H. CON. RES. 162, DEALING WITH THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

RAHALL'S RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED ON JULY 23, ONE DAY BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE WAS ANNOUNCED, BUT THE CONGRESSMAN STATED, "WHILE WE ARE ALL RELIEVED AT THE NEWS OF THE SUSPENSION OF VIOLENCE IN THIS REGION, I BELIEVE THERE ARE STILL MANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED, "IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THE VIOLENCE, FUTURE ARMS SALES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. POLICY LEADING TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

(A COPY OF CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED.)

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H. CON. RES. 162

MR. RAHALL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Expressing the sense of Congress that acts of violence and aggression in Israel, Iraq and Lebanon aimed at innocent citizens be condemned; that the Administration be commended for its decision to suspend the shipment of military planes to Israel, and calls for further temporary suspension of arms to Middle East combatants; that Congress be involved in the development of a comprehensive U.S. policy leading to peace in the Middle East region; and that Congress urges all parties to the violence to halt all aggressive acts.

Whereas the level of violence and aggression in the Middle East region has been escalating: Now Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that it is the sense of Congress that the repeated acts of aggression and violence in Israel, Iraq, and Lebanon aimed at innocent citizens in population centers be condemned, and regrets the tremendous human suffering and loss of life and property in the aforesaid countries caused by the continuing violence, and commends the Administration for its decision to suspend shipment of F-16s scheduled for delivery to Israel, and calls for further temporary suspension of arms deliveries and issuances of military sales credits to Middle East combatants in the escalating spiril of violence in Isreal, Iraq and Lebanon until assurances are made to the U.S. Government that U.S.-built weapons will be restricted to those provisions stated under U.S. law and will not be used for aggressive purposes against neighboring countries, and asserts that Congress should be intimately and continuously involved in the development of a comprehensive U.S. policy leading to lasting peace between all parties involved in the crisis, and urges all parties to the violence to halt all aggressive acts and seek peace through negotiation rather than by military confrontation, and requests friendly Arab states and the United Nations to urge Palestinian military groups to refrain from further violence against Israel, and so requests the President to urge Israel to refrain from further military violence against Palestinians and Lebanese in Lebanon.