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S. RES. 184

To condemn the massacre in Hebron, and urge all parties in the Middle East peace process to renew energy to achieve a just peace.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PELL, Mr. METZENBAUM, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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Whereas immediately after Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat shook hands on the White House lawn last September, extremists on both sides vowed that the Declaration of Principles signed that day would never come to fruition;

Whereas, since the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993, many innocent people have been the victims of vicious acts of terrorism;

Whereas the massacre that took place on February 25, 1994 at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron was an act of

murderous terrorism directed against innocent persons at prayer;

Whereas the purpose of these acts of terror was to derail the Middle East peace talks;

Whereas as diplomats have inched their way towards fulfilling each article of the Declaration, extremists have just as painstakingly plotted disruptions, preyed on innocents and haphazardly killed and maimed people;

Whereas if the chances for peace in the Middle East are harmed by the act of terror in Hebron or other acts of terrorism, then these acts will have achieved their purpose; and

Whereas, to prevent terrorism from achieving its purpose, all parties must now redouble their efforts to gain success in those talks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate expresses its condemnation
2 of the massacre perpetrated in Hebron as violative of all
3 standards of civilized human behavior, and as violative of
4 the policies of the government of Israel and every other
5 government that has spoken on this atrocity.

6 SEC. 2. The Senate condemns all acts of terror in-
7 tended to disrupt the peace process or for any other pur-
8 pose.

9 SEC. 3. The Senate commends the government of Is-
10 rael for its strong condemnation of the Hebron killings,
11 for reaching out to the victims' families, and for taking
12 swift and appropriate action to respond to the threat
13 posed by extremists.

1 SEC. 4. The Senate urges all parties and others in-
2 volved in the Middle East peace talks to apply renewed
3 energy to achieve the prompt and just conclusion which
4 is the only way to obtain long term security for all people
5 in the area and as the best way in the short term to deny
6 terror any measure of success.

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