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H. CON. RES. 349

Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others Group for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership in that regional bloc to the state of Israel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and Mr. ROTHMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the member states of the United Nations Western European and Others Group for addressing over four decades of injustice and extending temporary membership in that regional bloc to the state of Israel.

Whereas Israel has played an active role in the international community and within the United Nations;

Whereas in order to be a fully participating member of the United Nations countries must serve in a regional group;

Whereas members of regional groups select member states on a rotating basis to serve on important United Nations bodies such as the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council;

Whereas Israel has been denied an opportunity to serve in the Asian States Group at the United Nations, even though it geographically belongs in that bloc;

Whereas the Western European And Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations consists of Western European nations, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Turkey, and Australia and is the only group at the United Nations that is not geographically based;

Whereas Israel was offered membership in the WEOG regional bloc at the United Nations on Friday, May 26, 2000, by the chairman of WEOG at the time, Ambassador Peter van Walsum of the Netherlands;

Whereas that offer was officially accepted by Israeli officials on Sunday, May 28, 2000; and

Whereas Israel is a democracy and an ally and friend to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the Western European and Oth-
4 ers Group (WEOG) members for extending tem-
5 porary membership to Israel;

6 (2) congratulates Israel on its new-found role in
7 the United Nations;

8 (3) reaffirms Israel's right to be a full partici-
9 pating member and equal partner in the United Na-
10 tions; and

11 (4) urges the members of WEOG to extend full
12 and permanent membership to Israel, without condi-

- 1 tions, until such time as Israel can serve as an effec-
- 2 tive member of the Asian States Group.

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