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Concerning anti-Semitic statements made by
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Whereas the world has seen in the 20th century the disastrous results of ethnic, religious, and racial intolerance;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation is on record, through obligations freely accepted as a participating state of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), as pledging to “clearly and unequivocally condemn totalitarianism, racial and ethnic ha-

tred, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and discrimination against anyone * * *”;

Whereas at two public rallies in October 1998, Communist Party member of the Duma, Albert Makashov, blamed “the Yids” for Russia’s current problems;

Whereas in November 1998, attempts by members of the Russian Duma to formally censure Albert Makashov were blocked by members of the Communist Party;

Whereas in December 1998, the chairman of the Duma Security Committee and Communist Party member, Viktor Ilyukhin, blamed President Yeltsin’s “Jewish entourage” for alleged “genocide against the Russian people”;

Whereas in response to the public outcry over the above-noted anti-Semitic statements, Communist Party chairman Gennadi Zyuganov claimed in December 1998 that such statements were a result of “confusion” between Zionism and “the Jewish question”; and

Whereas during the Soviet era, the Communist Party leadership regularly used “anti-Zionist campaigns” as an excuse to persecute and discriminate against Jews in the Soviet Union: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) condemns anti-Semitic statements made by
4 members of the Russian Duma;

5 (2) commends actions taken by members of the
6 Russian Duma to condemn anti-Semitic statements
7 made by Duma members;

1 (3) commends President Yeltsin and other
2 members of the Russian Government for con-
3 demning anti-Semitic statements made by Duma
4 members; and

5 (4) reiterates its firm belief that peace and jus-
6 tice cannot be achieved as long as governments and
7 legislatures promote policies based upon anti-Semi-
8 tism, racism, and xenophobia.

Passed the House of Representatives March 23,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.