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2^D SESSION**S. RES. 329**

Urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2000

Mr. L. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. HELMS, without amendment

RESOLUTION

Urging the Government of Argentina to pursue and punish those responsible for the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Whereas on July 18, 1994, 86 innocent persons were killed and 300 were wounded when the AMIA Jewish Community Center was bombed in Buenos Aires, Argentina;

Whereas the United States welcomes Argentine President Fernando de la Rúa's political will to pursue the investigation of the bombing of the AMIA Jewish Community Center to its ultimate conclusion;

Whereas circumstantial evidence attributes the attack to the terrorist group Hezbollah, based in Lebanon and sponsored by Iran;

Whereas the investigation indicates that this bombing could not have been carried out without assistance from elements of local security forces;

Whereas additional evidence indicates that the tri-border area where Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil meet was used to channel resources for the purpose of carrying out the bombing attack;

Whereas Argentine officials have acknowledged that there was negligence in the initial phases of the investigation and that the institutional and political conditions must be created to advance the investigation of this terrorist attack;

Whereas on March 17, 1992, terrorists bombed the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires, killing 29 persons and injuring more than 200 others, and the Government of Argentina has not yet brought anyone to justice for that act of terrorism;

Whereas failure to duly punish the culprits of these acts serves to reward these terrorists and help spread terrorism throughout the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas the democratic leaders of the Western Hemisphere issued mandates at the 1994 and 1998 Summits of the Americas that condemned terrorism in all its forms and that committed governments to combat terrorist acts anywhere in the Americas with unity and vigor; and

Whereas it is the long-standing policy of the United States to stand firm against terrorist attacks wherever and

whenever they occur and to work with its allies to ensure that justice is done: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reiterates its condemnation of the attack on
3 the AMLA Jewish Community Center in Buenos
4 Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and remembers the
5 victims of this heinous act;

6 (2) strongly urges the Government of Argentina
7 to fulfill its international obligations and its promise
8 to the Argentine people by pursuing the local and
9 international connections to this act of terrorism,
10 wherever they may lead, and to duly punish all those
11 who were involved;

12 (3) urges the Government of Argentina to pur-
13 sue and prosecute any person with ties to Hezbollah
14 or any other terrorist organization;

15 (4) calls on the President to raise this issue in
16 bilateral discussions with Argentine officials and to
17 underscore the United States concern regarding the
18 6-year delay in the resolution of this case;

19 (5) recommends that the United States Perma-
20 nent Representative to the Organization of American
21 States should seek support from the countries com-
22 prising the Inter-American Committee Against Ter-
23 rorism to assist, if requested by the Government of

1 Argentina, in the investigation of this terrorist at-
2 tack;

3 (6) encourages the President to direct United
4 States law enforcement agencies to provide support
5 and cooperation to the Government of Argentina, if
6 requested, for purposes of the investigation into this
7 and other terrorist activities in the tri-border area;
8 and

9 (7) desires a lasting and positive relationship
10 between the United States and Argentina based on
11 a mutual commitment to the rule of law and democ-
12 racy in the Western Hemisphere and mutual abhor-
13 rence of terrorism.

14 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
15 a copy of this resolution to the President and the United
16 States Permanent Representative to the Organization of
17 American States.

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