

108TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 372

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response
to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. WEXLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives
in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister
Anna Lindh.

Whereas Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh was brutally
attacked by an unknown assailant on the afternoon of
September 10, 2003;

Whereas Ms. Lindh died the next morning after undergoing
surgery performed in a desperate attempt to save her life;

Whereas Ms. Lindh's murder is an attack on the freedoms
and tranquility enjoyed by the people of Sweden;

Whereas Ms. Lindh was elected to the Swedish Parliament in
1982, was appointed Minister of the Environment in the
government of Prime Minister Goran Persson in 1994,
and rose to the post of Foreign Minister in 1998;

Whereas Ms. Lindh demonstrated dedication to the causes of human rights and environmental responsibility as a leader in the Swedish Government;

Whereas at the time of her death, Ms. Lindh was campaigning for Sweden to adopt the European common currency in a referendum which took place just a few days after her murder;

Whereas Ms. Lindh was widely recognized as an advocate of freedom and peace in Europe and throughout the world;

Whereas this is the second time the Swedish people have suffered the loss of a respected national leader as Prime Minister Olaf Palme was murdered in a similar manner in 1986; and

Whereas such senseless acts of violence are a threat to democracy and to civilized society wherever and whenever they occur: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the peo-
3 ple of Sweden and the family of Swedish Foreign
4 Minister Anna Lindh following her tragic and un-
5 timely murder;

6 (2) condemns all senseless acts of violence
7 against public officials;

8 (3) urges the President to provide all appro-
9 priate assistance that may be requested by Swedish
10 law enforcement officials as they pursue the pepe-
11 trator of this heinous act; and

1 (4) expresses the solidarity of the people of the
2 United States with the people of Sweden and the
3 Swedish Government at this difficult time.

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