

H. Res. 523

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

October 28, 2005.

Whereas on October 26, 2005, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, declared that “Israel must be wiped off the map”, described Israel as “a disgraceful blot [on] the face of the Islamic world”, and declared that “[a]nybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation’s fury”;

Whereas Iran funds, trains, and openly supports terrorist groups that are determined to destroy Israel;

Whereas on December 14, 2001, the President of Iran’s highly influential Expediency Council, Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, threatened Israel with nuclear attack, saying, “[i]f one day, the Islamic world is also equipped with weapons like those that Israel possesses now, then the imperialists’ strategy will reach a standstill because the use of even one nuclear bomb inside Israel will destroy everything [in Israel], while it will merely harm the Islamic world”;

Whereas Iran has aggressively pursued a clandestine effort to arm itself with nuclear weapons; and

Whereas the longstanding policy of the Iranian regime aimed at destroying the democratic state of Israel, highlighted by statements such as those by Ahmadinejad and

Rafsanjani, underscores the danger of an Iran armed with nuclear weapons: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns, in the strongest terms,
3 Ahmadinejad's outrageous and despicable threats
4 and demands that he repudiate them;

5 (2) calls on the United Nations Security Council
6 and all civilized nations to condemn and reject
7 these statements and to censure Iran for its state-
8 ments and for its policies aimed at destroying Israel;

9 (3) further calls on the United Nations Security
10 Council and all civilized nations to consider meas-
11 ures to deny Iran the means to carry out its threats
12 and to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons;
13 and

14 (4) reaffirms the unwavering alliance between
15 the United States and Israel and reasserts the com-
16 mitment of the United States to defend the right of
17 Israel to exist as a free and democratic state.

Attest:

Clerk.