

Whereas both sections of the International Boundary and Water Commission are headed by a commissioner who is appointed by the President of the commissioner's respective country;

Whereas the International Boundary and Water Commission is entrusted by the Government of the United States and the Government of Mexico with resolving the boundary and water issues that exist between the two countries;

Whereas the International Boundary and Water Commission approaches its responsibilities with a view toward improving the social and economic welfare of the United States and Mexico and further improving the good relations that exist between the two countries;

Whereas the International Boundary and Water Commission can claim a long list of accomplishments that have benefited millions of people over the past century; and

Whereas the International Boundary and Water Commission will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on March 1, 1989: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress commends the International Boundary and Water Commission for its efforts during the past century to improve the social and economic welfare of the United States and Mexico, recognizes its accomplishments in improving good relations between the United States and Mexico, and honors the Commission as it prepares to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on March 1, 1989.

Agreed to October 20, 1988.

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Whereas until 1975, Lebanon, whose capital of Beirut was called the Paris of the Middle East, was renowned for its role as the Middle East's financial and trade center and was known as a haven for the Moslems, Christians, and Jews;

Whereas Lebanon's unique social and economic structure, in addition to the quality of life and high standards of achievement that produced what was the "Lebanese miracle", made Lebanon a model of coexistence; and

Whereas a democratic government is essential to preserving Lebanon's freedom, sovereignty, unity, and independence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the United States should—

(1) encourage all parties in Lebanon to support the constitutional mandate to elect a new President without delay in a democratic atmosphere, free from any external influence;

(2) reinforce its commitment to national sovereignty for Lebanon; and

(3) support actions which promote the unity of Lebanon.

Agreed to October 20, 1988.