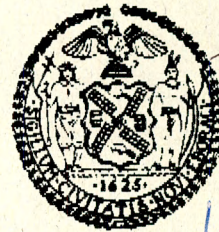


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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

TITLE: Resolution praising President Clinton for his role in promoting peace in Northern Ireland, for his actions in furthering peace talks in the Middle East, and for his continuing efforts to help restore democracy in Haiti.

TYPE OF LEGISLATION: Resolution

SUBMITTED BY: The Speaker (Council Member Vallone) *et al*

REASONS FOR SUPPORT:

To commend President William J. Clinton's policy to promote peace in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and in Haiti. Recently, President Clinton gave permission for the president of Sinn Fein, a political group based in Ireland, to raise funds in the United States for political activities toward the promotion of peace in Northern Ireland. The Clinton Administration has also recently intervened in Middle Eastern affairs to encourage Syria and Israel to resume their peace talks. The peace talks which are scheduled to begin in a few days are a strong sign of hope that these two countries may one day put aside their differences and co-exist in peace and marks a significant achievement for President Clinton in international affairs. Since the restoration of Haiti's President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President Clinton has also continued to support efforts to bring about democracy in Haiti and is expected to travel to Haiti on March 31st and meet with President Aristide and United States military troops.

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Res. No. 90X

Resolution strongly praising President Bill Clinton for his outstanding personal commitment and preeminent role as leader of the World's greatest nation in taking bold steps to further the causes of peace in Ireland, the Middle East and Haiti.

By The Speaker (Council Member Vallone) and Council Members Foster, Berman, Clarke, McCaffrey, Eisland, Spigner, Robles, DeMarco, Freed, Wooten, Koslowitz, Williams, Leffler, Linares, Marshall, Sabini, Fields, Henry, Albanese, Warden, Michels, Watkins, White, Duane, Robinson and Malave-Dilan.

Whereas, Throughout our history, the American people have overwhelmingly and proudly supported our government's attempt to promote peace and democracy throughout the world; and

Whereas, In recent years, President Carter is to be commended for his tireless role in achieving the Camp David Accords and the subsequent Israel/Egypt peace treaty; President Bush took bold steps in the Gulf War to ensure the territorial integrity of Kuwait and the defeat of the diabolical and deadly aims of Sadaam Hussein; and

Whereas, The American people can today be especially proud of the worldwide peace efforts that President Clinton has undertaken in all corners of our globe: from Ireland in Europe to Haiti in the Caribbean to Israel, Syria and Jordan in the Middle East; and

Whereas, When Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein took the dramatic step of announcing a unilateral cessation of military operations against the British, he took a momentous step in promoting a lasting peace in Ireland; and

Whereas, President Clinton recognizing the pivotal role that Gerry Adams has played and acknowledging the Irish people's right

to peace, justice and equality and an end to the conditions fostered and imposed on them for so many years, reached out to Mr. Adams and encouraged him to continue the dialogue which hopefully will lead to an end to all conflict in Ireland; and

Whereas, President Clinton, as leader of the free world first granted Gerry Adams a visa so that last year he could come to America and share his vision for Ireland with American audiences and this past month the President not only granted Mr. Adams and his organization the right to raise funds for political purposes in America but as an expression of his personal commitment to furthering the cause of peace of Ireland the President invited Gerry Adams to the White House for ground breaking and historic talks; and

Whereas, Back home in Ireland, Gerry Adams wrote in the March 22, 1995 issue of the Irish Voice that "President Clinton's concern for a just and democratic peace settlement has uplifted many people...I commend President Clinton for his consistency and commitment. I thanked him for his decisive role in the search for peace"; and

Whereas, In the volatile Middle East where renewed and horrendous terrorist acts against innocent Israeli citizens threatens progress in the Israeli/Palestinian accords which were signed on the White House lawn 19 months ago, President Clinton, seeking to promote peace between Israel and its strongest enemy Syria, sent Secretary of State Warren Christopher on a shuttle

diplomacy mission between the country's two capitals, Jerusalem and Damascus; and

Whereas, After a week of intense shuttle diplomacy, Secretary of State Christopher last month announced that President Assad of Syria had agreed to the resumption of direct high level talks between Israel and Syria, and the President then announced and sent Vice President Al Gore to the region to continue these important discussions at the highest levels; and

Whereas, The actions of Secretary of State Christopher and Vice President Gore followed the personal intervention last November of President Clinton who visited the region and held direct talks with all leaders in the region including Prime Minister Rabin of Israel, the leader of the only democracy in the Middle East and Syrian President Assad; and

Whereas, Halfway across the World, the actions of President Clinton and the support of the American people enabled our government to restore to power the first democratically elected President of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was illegally removed from office by the Haitian military; and

Whereas, President Clinton's actions were implemented and carried out with the support of the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS) which imposed an economic blockade on Haiti; and

Whereas, The President sent American peace-keeping troops to Haiti to restore order and train a Haitian force loyal to the

leadership of President Aristide and he asked former New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly to enlist and train a Haitian police force to serve and protect the safety of the citizens of Haiti as they look toward a brighter future; and

Whereas, Ray Kelly led 1,200 police officers from twenty countries in overhauling Haiti's police force by demilitarizing 3,000 past Haitian police officers and eventually replacing them with a force trained in an United States Justice Department Police Academy; and

Whereas, When these international police monitors ended their mission on March 31, 1995, President Clinton was present in Port-au-Prince to personally thank them for their service to the Haitian people and to preside with President Aristide during ceremonies at which time United Nation's troops took over the duties previously carried out by the United States Military; and

Whereas, The actions of President Clinton in these and other areas of the world, where he has sought to spread the freedoms and improved living standards that peace and democracy bring, are to be commended and applauded by our entire nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York strongly praises President Bill Clinton for his outstanding personal commitment and preeminent role as leader of the World's greatest nation in taking bold steps to further the causes of peace in Ireland, the Middle East and Haiti.