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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO DESIGNATE
THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND
PASS H.R. 4097.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, Congress has introduced H.R. 4097, the "Designate CAIR as a
4 Terrorist Organizations Act", to require a federal review of whether the
5 Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) meets the criteria for
6 designation as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219 of the
7 Immigration and Nationality Act; and

8 Whereas, CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the 2007
9 Holy Land Foundation terrorism financing prosecution, which was the
10 largest successful case of its kind in United States history; and

11 Whereas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation permanently suspended
12 outreach and liaison activities with CAIR after evidence established
13 CAIR's relationship with Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist
14 organization that is responsible for the October 7, 2023 terrorist
15 attacks; and

16 Whereas, states such as Florida and Arizona have taken actions
17 warning public officials about CAIR's extremist affiliations; and

18 Whereas, Hamas and Iranian leadership have openly called for the
19 extermination of Israelis, Americans, Jews and Christians, and CAIR
20 figures have echoed rhetoric that minimizes or justifies these threats;
21 and

22 Whereas, CAIR received early funding from the Holy Land Foundation,
23 which was later designated as a specially designated global terrorist
24 entity by the United States Department of the Treasury; and

25 Whereas, numerous CAIR officials and affiliates have been convicted
26 of terrorism-related offenses, including Ghassan Elashi, Abdurahman
27 Alamoudi, Randall "Ismail" Royer, Bassem Khafagi, Rabih Haddad and
28 Mathanna al-Hanooti; and

29 Whereas, the United Arab Emirates formally designated CAIR a
30 terrorist organization in 2014 following its own national security
31 investigations; and

32 Whereas, CAIR has publicly honored Sami Al-Arian, who was convicted
33 of providing material support to Palestinian Islamic Jihad; and

34 Whereas, senior CAIR officials have publicly promoted antisemitic
35 content, denied Israel's right to self-defense and glorified elements of
36 the October 7 attacks; and

37 Whereas, section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
38 authorizes the United States Secretary of State to designate foreign
39 terrorist organizations when statutory criteria are met; and

40 Whereas, the State of Arizona has a compelling interest in
41 protecting its residents, communities and public institutions from
42 organizations with documented links to foreign terrorist networks.

43 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
44 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

45 1. That the President and the Congress of the United States:

1 (a) In coordination with the United States Attorney General and the
2 United States Secretary of the Treasury, conduct a full formal review to
3 determine whether CAIR meets the criteria for designation as a foreign
4 terrorist organization.

5 (b) Pass H.R. 4097, the "Designate the CAIR as a Terrorist
6 Organization Act", or any substantially similar legislation demanding
7 federal review and accountability of CAIR's ties to terrorist entities.

8 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
9 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker
10 of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United
11 States Senate, the United States Secretary of State, the United States
12 Attorney General, the United States Secretary of the Treasury and each
13 Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.