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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Requests law enforcement and governmental agencies to avoid and suspend contacts and outreach activities with the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request law enforcement and governmental agencies in Louisiana to avoid and
3 suspend all contacts and outreach activities with the Council on American Islamic
4 Relations (CAIR).

5 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has suspended all formal contacts
6 with the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) due to evidence indicating a
7 relationship between CAIR and Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist organization; and

8 WHEREAS, one of CAIR's directors was sentenced to a year in federal prison for
9 violating U.S. sanctions against Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, a CAIR director in Virginia pled guilty to terrorism-related financial
11 and conspiracy charges, which resulted in a federal prison sentence; and

12 WHEREAS, a communications specialist and civil rights coordinator for CAIR
13 trained with an al Qaeda-tied Kashmir organization that is listed on the Department of State's
14 international terror list and was also indicted on charges of conspiring to help al Qaeda and
15 the Taliban battle American troops in Afghanistan and was sentenced to twenty years in
16 prison; and

17 WHEREAS, CAIR's former community affairs director pled guilty to three federal
18 counts of bank and visa fraud and agreed to be deported to Egypt after he had funneled
19 money to activities supporting terrorism and had published material advocating suicide

1 attacks against the United States; these illegal activities took place while he was employed
2 by CAIR; and

3 WHEREAS, a CAIR fund raiser was arrested on terrorism-related charges and was
4 deported from the United States due to his work as executive director of the Global Relief
5 Foundation, which was designated as a fundraising front organization for a foreign terrorist
6 organization by the U.S. Treasury Department for financing al Qaeda and other terrorist
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, CAIR opened its first office in Washington, D.C., with the help of a
9 grant from the Holy Land Foundation; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal case against the Holy Land Foundation, a charitable
11 organization that was shut down by the United States Department of the Treasury for
12 funding Jihadist terrorist organizations, was the largest successful terrorism financing
13 prosecution in U.S. history, and the case identified CAIR as a Muslim Brotherhood front
14 group, and CAIR was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the trial; and

15 WHEREAS, the cofounder of CAIR's parent organization, Islamic Association for
16 Palestine, was sentenced to prison on terrorism charges for financing Palestinian Islamic
17 Jihad, a designated terrorist organization.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does urge and
19 request law enforcement and governmental agencies in Louisiana to avoid and suspend all
20 contacts and outreach activities with the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR).

DIGEST

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