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9 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

10 TO ENCOURAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SUSPEND CONTACT AND  
11 OUTREACH WITH THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC  
12 RELATIONS.

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 CONTACT AND OUTREACH WITH THE COUNCIL ON  
18 AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS.

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21 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has suspended all formal  
22 contacts with the Council on American-Islamic Relations ("CAIR") due to  
23 evidence demonstrating a relationship between CAIR and Hamas, a designated  
24 foreign terrorist organization of the United States Department of State; and  
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26 WHEREAS, in United States of America v. Holy Land Foundation for Relief  
27 and Development, the largest successful prosecution of terrorism-financing in  
28 our country's history, CAIR was identified as an associate of the Muslim  
29 Brotherhood and was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the trial; and  
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31 WHEREAS, CAIR opened its first office in Washington, D.C., with the  
32 help of a grant from the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, a  
33 charitable organization that was closed by the United States Department of  
34 the Treasury for funding jihadist terrorist organizations; and  
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36 WHEREAS, United States ally, the United Arab Emirates, officially



1 designated CAIR as a terrorist organization in 2014; and

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3 WHEREAS, in March 2011, Muthanna al-Hanooti, a director within CAIR,  
4 was sentenced to a year in federal prison for violating United States  
5 sanctions against Iraq under Saddam Hussein; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2006, the co-founder of CAIR's parent organization, Islamic  
8 Association for Palestine ("IAP"), Sami Al-Arian, was sentenced to 57 months  
9 in prison on terrorism charges for financing Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a  
10 designated foreign terrorist organization; and

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12 WHEREAS, in 2004, CAIR-Northern Virginia director Abdurahman Alamoudi  
13 pled guilty to terrorism-related financial and conspiracy charges, which  
14 resulted in a 23-year federal prison sentence; and

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16 WHEREAS, in 2009, Ghassan Elashi, who was a leader of the Holy Land  
17 Foundation for Relief and Development, was sentenced to a total of 65 years  
18 in prison after being convicted of 10 counts of conspiracy to provide, and  
19 the provision of, material support to a designated foreign terrorist  
20 organization; 11 counts of conspiracy to provide, and the provision of,  
21 funds, goods and services to a Specially Designated Terrorist as determined  
22 by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury; 10 counts of conspiracy to commit, and  
23 the commission of, money laundering; 1 count of conspiracy to impede and  
24 impair the Internal Revenue Service; and 2 counts of filing a false tax  
25 return; and

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27 WHEREAS, Randall Todd (Ismail) Royer, who served as a communications  
28 specialist and civil rights coordinator for CAIR and trained with and set up  
29 an internet-based newsletter for Lashkar-I-Taiba, an al Qaeda-tied Kashmir  
30 organization that is listed on the United States Department of State's  
31 international terror list, was also indicted on charges of conspiring to help  
32 al Qaeda in the Taliban battle American troops were fighting in Afghanistan  
33 and was sentenced to 20 years in prison on April 9, 2004; and

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35 WHEREAS, in September 2003, CAIR's former community affairs director,  
36 Bassem Khafagi, pleaded guilty to 3 federal counts of bank and visa fraud,

1 and agreed to be deported to Egypt after he had funneled money to activities  
2 supporting terrorism and had published material advocating suicide attacks  
3 against the United States, illegal activities that took place while he was  
4 employed by CAIR; and

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6 WHEREAS, Rabih Haddad, the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based CAIR fundraiser,  
7 was arrested on terrorism-related charges and was deported from the United  
8 States due to his work as Executive Director of the Global Relief Foundation,  
9 which in October 2002 was closed by the United States Department of Treasury  
10 for financing al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations,

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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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16 THAT the Senate encourages law enforcement to suspend contact and  
17 outreach with the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

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