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PENCE VOTES TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMETIC STATEMENTS BY MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER

Washington, Oct 28, 2003 - Washington, D.C. – Congressman Mike Pence voted this evening for a resolution to repudiate the recent anti-Semitic comments by outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed.

“I want to condemn the anti-Semitic remarks by the Malaysian prime minister in the strongest possible terms,” said Pence. “There is no place for these types of hateful comments in the world debate. This rhetoric only incites further hatred toward ethnic minorities.

“In addition to this resolution, the United States should reconsider its level of foreign aid to a country that practices hate speech on a global scale.”

In remarks that marked the opening of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Putrajaya, Malaysia, Mohamad cited Israel as “the enemy allied with the most powerful nations” while stating that “the Jews rule the world by proxy.” He went on to state that “The Muslims will forever be oppressed and dominated by the Europeans and the Jews.”

Mohamad also stated, “They invented and successfully promoted Socialism, Communism, human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so they may enjoy equal rights with others.”

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