

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 62

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman WEINBERG and Assemblyman ZISA

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION honoring the memories of Sara Duker and
2 Matthew Eisenfeld, victims of a terrorist bombing, extending condolences
3 to their families and deploring such acts of terrorist violence.
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5 WHEREAS, Sara Duker, of Teaneck, New Jersey, and Matthew Eisenfeld of
6 West Hartford, Connecticut were killed in Jerusalem on Sunday, February
7 25, 1996, when a bomb set by Islamic militants exploded on their bus,
8 killing 23 of their fellow passengers and wounding 80 people; and
9 WHEREAS, Sara, a gifted, caring and compassionate young woman, a
10 member of Phi Beta Kappa and recent *summa cum laude* graduate of
11 Barnard College, was continuing her studies in Environmental Science at
12 Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and
13 WHEREAS, Matthew, a talented young Talmudic scholar who had earned the
14 highest praise for his intellectual and leadership abilities while at Yale
15 University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, was studying in Jerusalem
16 at the time of this heinous and bloody crime; and
17 WHEREAS, People of this State, the State of Israel, and all over the world are
18 mourning the loss of Sara and Matthew, two dedicated young people who
19 enriched the world with their love of Jewish faith and music, and who
20 certainly would have become intellectual and spiritual leaders of their
21 people had the terrorist's bomb not tragically cut their lives short; and
22 WHEREAS, Despite their tremendous grief and pain, the families of Sara and
23 Matthew have stated that they do not want the senseless deaths of their
24 children to deter efforts to achieve peace in Israel; and
25 WHEREAS, It is our fervent hope that the beauty and goodness of the lives of
26 these two young people will somehow shine through this tragedy and
27 inspire political and spiritual leaders to continue to work for peace in the
28 Middle East, so that this horrible and bloody crime never happens again;
29 now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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3 1. This House honors the memories of Sara Duker, of Teaneck, New
4 Jersey, and Matthew Eisenfeld of West Hartford, Connecticut, and extends
5 condolences to their families.

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7 2. This House strongly and forcefully condemns such senseless acts of
8 violence.

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10 3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
11 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted
12 to the Duker and Eisenfeld families.

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STATEMENT

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17 This resolution honors the memories of Sara Duker, of Teaneck, New
18 Jersey, and Matthew Eisenfeld, of West Hartford, Connecticut, who were
19 killed in Jerusalem by a terrorist's bomb. The resolution extends condolences
20 to the Duker and Eisenfeld families and condemns such terrorist acts.

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25 Extends condolences to the families of Sara Duker and Matthew Eisenfeld
26 who were killed by terrorist violence in Jerusalem.