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GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

28 years ago the Western Hemisphere experienced one of its first encounters with radical Islamic terrorism when the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires was bombed. While this attack occurred almost three decades ago and nearly five thousand miles away, the presence of so many at this memorial event and the participation of the Israeli and Argentinian consuls general demonstrate the ties that bind Florida, Argentina, Israel, and the Jewish people.

It is fitting that this event is held in memory and for accountability. As a Congressman, I introduced a non-binding resolution calling on the Obama administration to remove Argentina from the G-20 in part because of the way its leaders at the time had handled the investigation of this terror attack. The perpetrators of the AMIA bombing have still not been brought to justice and just last month we saw how the Iranian regime continues to seek to foment terror in the Americas when a nominally Venezuelan airplane allegedly carrying members of the Quds Force, a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization, was grounded in Argentina. In the words of President James Monroe in his eponymous doctrine, "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety."

The First Lady and I send our condolences to those whose loved ones lost their lives. I applaud the determination of those who continue to demand accountability for this heinous crime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis
Governor