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Edward Mezvinsky was appointed the United States Representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights by President Jimmy Carter on July 15, 1977. Ambassador Andrew Young administered the oath of office on August 4.

From 1973 to 1977 Mr. Mezvinsky served as a Member of the United States Congress, representing the First District of Iowa. As a Member of Congress he served on the Judiciary and Government Operations Committees. He was elected a member of the Democratic Party Steering and Policy Committee and served as elected Chairman of the Freshmen Democratic Members of Congress. Congressman Mezvinsky also served as a member of the National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials.

During his service in Congress Mr. Mezvinsky was actively involved in the review, enactment and implementation of legislation relating to foreign affairs dealing with subjects such as foreign assistance, trade, refugees and emigration. He introduced and sponsored a number of human rights legislative proposals. He served as a member of the Judiciary Committee Delegation to the Soviet Union and participated in the Ditchley Foundation Seminar on Anglo-American comparative government.

Mr. Mezvinsky was born January 17, 1937 in Ames, Iowa. He received a B.A. degree in 1960 from the University of Iowa and a Masters Degree in government from the University of California in 1963. In 1965, he received his law degree from Hastings College of Law, University of California.

Mr. Mezvinsky served as a member of the Iowa State Legislature, as the legislative assistant to Congressman Neal Smith, and has been a practicing attorney.

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He is married to Marjorie Margolies, an NBC television news reporter based in Washington, and they have six daughters, Margot, Vera, Elsa, Eve, Le Heh (Korean), and Holly (Vietnamese-American), and a son, Marc.

Mr. Mezvinsky is the author of a book published in 1977 entitled, "A Term to Remember," dealing with his first Congressional term of office. He has also had published a number of articles and editorial opinions in newspapers and other periodicals.

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