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CAMPBELL SECURES CROSS-PARTY SUPPORT FOR MOTION CONDEMNING McGUINNESS

DUP Member of Parliament for East Londonderry Gregory Campbell has secured cross party support for a parliamentary Motion condemning Martin McGuinness for recent comments he made regarding British soldiers and calling on him to reveal the extent of his involvement in IRA activities. Speaking today Mr. Campbell said:

> "Like many people, I was disgusted by Martin McGuinness's ham-fisted attempt to play to the Sinn Fein base at the weekend by claiming he would have killed every British soldier he could after Bloody Sunday in 1972.



Having been forced to sign up to policing and British legal institutions and sitting in Stormont, a building Sinn Fein vowed to bring down, administering British rule, one can see why Mr. McGuinness is reduced to petulant comments such as these in order to keep Sinn Fein's hardcore supporters on-side. The truth of the matter however, is that comments such as these have no place in sensible political discourse.



I am pleased that members of the governing Labour Party and the Tory opposition have signed the parliamentary Early Day Motion condemning his comments and calling for him to come clean about his own involvement in paramilitary crime. Nationalists are terribly good at demanding full disclosure and openness from others, particularly the police and the army, it will be interesting to see if Mr. McGuinness will abide by the standards he sets for others and own up to his own role in creating violence and mayhem in the Province and offer a long-overdue apology."

The text of the Motion reads:

"That this House notes the Irish radio interview given by the hon. Member for Mid Ulster and Deputy First Minister in the Northern Ireland Assembly when he indicated that after the events in Londonderry on 30th January 1972 he would have killed every British soldier in that city if he could have; utterly repudiates this classic case of revisionism which ignores the fact that many murders were committed by the IRA before that event, including two police officers just days before; and calls upon the hon. Member to reveal in full the nature of his involvement, given he has already declared his position in the IRA at the time, in the organisation that was responsible for much of the terrorism before, during and after 30th January 1972; and believes that if he wishes to talk about his past then he should include an unreserved apology for the violence carried out by the IRA in Northern Ireland since 1969."

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