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Demanding Senator Tommy Tuberville stop threatening United States and Israel security.

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Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Demanding Senator Tommy Tuberville stop threatening United States and Israel security.

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched an unprovoked war with Israel, crossing land, air, and sea;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has slaughtered over 1,200 people and injured more than 3,000 others, including 18 reported American casualties and unarmed Israeli civilians;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas has abducted un-armed, helpless, civilian hostages, including women, children, the elderly, and American citizens;

Whereas Israel is the only inclusive democracy in the Middle East, and both a true friend and key strategic ally to the United States, a partnership built on a bedrock of shared values, shared interests, and an unwavering commitment to democracy;

Whereas consistent with the longstanding relationship between the United States and Israel, the United States holds an unshakeable commitment to Israel's security, and has continuously reiterated its steadfast commitment to preserve and strengthen Israel's capability to deter its enemies and to defend itself against any threat;

Whereas, as a strategic partner to Israel, the United States must be fully prepared to provide key diplomatic, intelligence, and security support during the ongoing war effort, in addition to safeguarding the lives of the large numbers of American citizens currently trapped in the region while working to rescue any Americans currently being held hostage by Hamas;

Whereas, over the past 8 months, Senator Tommy Tuberville has blocked hundreds of military promotions;

Whereas the list of delayed promotions includes two members of the Joint Staff, including Admiral Lisa Franchetti, the nominated Chief of Naval Operations, and General David Allvin, the nominated Chief of Staff of the Air Force, each of whom should have the ability to solely focus on leading their respective branch efforts to provide direct security, humanitarian, and intelligence support for Israel;

Whereas this hold impacts Rear Admiral George Wikoff, who was selected to lead the 5th Fleet and its naval forces operating in the Middle East, in addition to the current 5th Fleet commander, Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, who is set to be promoted to deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, tasked with commanding troops and military operations in the Middle East;

Whereas the hold also impacts the appointments of the Deputy Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy at Central Command, the Deputy Commander of Air Forces in Central Command, the Deputy Commander of 5th Fleet, and the Reserve Vice Commander of U.S. Central Command and 5th Fleet; and

Whereas each of these critical personnel will help to ensure that the State of Israel has the support it needs, stranded American citizens receive the help they require, and the United States is able to play an imperative role in helping to contain the possibility of a catastrophic escalation of this war to other fronts by Hezbollah, Iran, or others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the United States—

2 (1) stands with Israel and reaffirms Israel's
3 right to self-defense;

4 (2) condemns Hamas' brutal attacks;

5 (3) urges full support of our key strategic ally;

6 (4) recognizes that security, diplomatic, and in-
7 telligence support cannot be carried out without a

8 ready and prepared force, which requires the ap-

9 proval of halted Senate-confirmed positions;

1 (5) stands together as patriots to show the
2 forces of evil around the world that there is no
3 greater friend and no worse foe than the United
4 States; and

5 (6) urges Senator Tommy Tuberville and any
6 other individuals involved in the delay of critical
7 military confirmations to stand with our Israeli allies
8 and ensure that the United States can demonstrate
9 our military strength and ability to respond to this
10 crisis and defend democracy and freedom.

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