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Condemning the heinous actions of Hamas and affirming the support of the United States for Israel's right to exist and defend itself.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the heinous actions of Hamas and affirming the support of the United States for Israel's right to exist and defend itself.

Whereas the State of Israel was established in 1948, following the adoption of the United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine, and has since been recognized by the international community as a sovereign state;

Whereas Israel has faced numerous armed conflicts and terrorist attacks since its establishment, including the War of Independence from 1948 through 1949, the Six-Day War in 1967, the Yom Kippur War in 1973, and repeated rocket attacks from terrorist organizations;

Whereas Israel has entered into peace agreements with neighboring countries including Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1993, and has engaged in peace negotiations with Palestinian leadership, indicating its willingness for peaceful coexistence;

Whereas the founding charter of Hamas, issued in 1988, advocated for the destruction of Israel and has utilized violent means for achieving a Palestinian state, underscoring the organization's long-standing hostility towards Israel and its inhabitants;

Whereas the United States and Israel share a long-standing friendship and alliance, rooted in shared values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;

Whereas Hamas terrorists crossed the land border and began slaughtering Israelis and abducting hostages in towns in southern Israel, including children and the elderly;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas launched over 5,000 rockets into southern and central Israel;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed over 1,300 Israelis and injured more than 3,000 others;

Whereas at least 22 United States citizens in Israel are among those killed by Hamas since October 7, 2023;

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Palestinians;

Whereas, on October 7, there has not been more Jewish deaths in one day since the Holocaust;

Whereas, on October 10, 2023, Israel confirmed that Hamas terrorists slaughtered 40 infants; and

Whereas Hamas is a United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, European Union, and the United Kingdom-designated foreign terrorist organization: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) undisputedly reaffirms Israel’s right to
3 exist;

4 (2) fully supports Israel’s right to self-defense;

5 (3) ardently condemns Hamas’ brutal war
6 against Israel;

7 (4) calls on the international community to un-
8 equivocally condemn Hamas’ brutal war against
9 Israel; and

10 (5) urges the international community to sup-
11 port Israel and call out any and all forms of anti-
12 semitism.

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