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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the recent Hamas attacks and expressing condolences
2 and support for the State of Israel and its people in
3 opposition to barbaric terrorism.

4 WHEREAS, Since October 7, 2023, the images we have seen on
5 the news and social media indicate atrocities being committed
6 against Israeli civilians in Southern Israel in horrific
7 fashion, and these atrocities are condemned in the strongest
8 manner; and

9 WHEREAS, We stand firmly with the people of Israel and their
10 right to defend themselves; and

11 WHEREAS, The attacks by Hamas are shocking, barbaric and evil
12 because they involve the shooting and killing of civilians, the
13 killing of families at rest on Shabbat, which coincided with the
14 Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, and the kidnapping of women and
15 children; and

16 WHEREAS, The attacks by Hamas amount to war crimes of the
17 worst kind; and

1 WHEREAS, In the history of civilization and freedom,
2 individuals who burst into people's homes and slaughter sleeping
3 or resting families and civilians are soon themselves destroyed
4 and brought to justice in the name of everything good and true;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Today, we ask God for the protection of all Israelis
7 and innocent lives and the restoration of peace in Israel; and

8 WHEREAS, Israel has every right to defend itself with all due
9 and overwhelming force; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives expresses its support
11 for Israel, with whom we have shared a special relationship
12 since its Independence established in 1948; and

13 WHEREAS, Our National Guard troops have deployed to the Sinai
14 Peninsula since 2007 as part of an ongoing international
15 peacekeeping mission to ensure that the 1978 Camp David Accords
16 peace agreement between Egypt and Israel is upheld; and

17 WHEREAS, The Abraham Accords have further brought peace and
18 stability to the Middle East and the House of Representatives
19 stands in opposition to any state or entity, including Iran-
20 backed Hamas and Hezbollah, that supports terrorism of any kind
21 or provides aid and support to those who fund terror against it;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives stands resolutely with
24 Israel and prays for the peace of Jerusalem, calling on all who
25 love freedom and peaceful coexistence to do the same; therefore
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn the
28 recent Hamas attacks and express condolences and support for the
29 State of Israel and its people in opposition to barbaric
30 terrorism.