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Calling on the people of the United States to observe a weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Israel, for all civilians caught in the crossfires of the war, and for the safe return of the hostages.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. SCHNEIDER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on October 7, 2023, the State of Israel suffered an unprovoked, premeditated, and barbaric attack by the Iran-backed terrorist group Hamas;

Whereas over 1,400 Israelis were brutally slaughtered and more than 240 have been taken hostage by Hamas into Gaza;

Whereas Hamas purposefully targeted civilians, torturing, raping, and murdering women, children, and the elderly;

Whereas at least 10 of the hostages in Gaza are United States citizens;

Whereas at least 33 American citizens in Israel are among those murdered by Hamas since October 7, 2023;

Whereas Hamas's initiation of this war and its embedding of command and control, weapons, and munitions to use civilians as human shields has led to a tragic loss of life among Palestinians;

Whereas Iran provided funding, training, and support for Hamas;

Whereas there has been a concerning rise in antisemitism in the United States and worldwide;

Whereas the State of Israel is the most trusted and strongest democratic ally of the United States in the region;

Whereas the United States and the Jewish State of Israel are inextricably tied together by their shared Abrahamic faiths; and

Whereas November 17, 2023, through November 19, 2023, should be held as a period of prayer and reflection for the people of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives calls the
2 people of the United States to observe a weekend of prayer
3 and reflection for the people of Israel, for all civilians
4 caught in the crossfires of the war, and for the safe return
5 of the hostages.

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