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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring support for the State of Israel, recognizing the
2 geopolitical challenges Israel faces and highlighting the
3 special relationship that has existed between the United
4 States of America and Israel since the inception of Israel as
5 a nation.

6 WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, the establishment of an independent
7 Jewish state to be known as the State of Israel was declared;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The United States of America and Israel have a
10 unique bond based on their shared, enduring values, which are
11 reflected in the virtues and principles of freedom and
12 democracy, and have stood together as allies since Israel was
13 first formed as a nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Jewish people have deep historical and cultural
15 ties that began many centuries ago to the ancient lands in the
16 geographic region where their nation is situated; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Israel is unique as a truly democratic

1 nation in the Middle East and is surrounded by hostile
2 neighboring countries that openly and repeatedly call for
3 Israel's total destruction; and

4 WHEREAS, Israeli civilians continue to be targets of
5 terroristic violence at home and in other locations around the
6 world simply by virtue of their Israeli citizenship; and

7 WHEREAS, Israel has an inherent right to protect the security
8 of its civilian population in self-defense from terrorist
9 attacks and from the threats of conventional and nuclear war and
10 to defend its borders as a sovereign nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout generations in the history of the Jewish
12 people, suffering and various persecutions have been visited
13 upon them as an ethnic group somewhere in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, During the years of 1941 to 1945, the Jewish people
15 suffered the horrors of the Holocaust, as nearly 6,000,000
16 European Jews died during the oppressive reign of the German
17 Nazi Regime; and

18 WHEREAS, The nation of Iran has continued to attempt to build
19 an illicit nuclear weapons program, which presents a direct and
20 serious threat to the security of Israel, among other nations
21 around the world including the United States homeland; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, Israel is faced with the prospect of a second
23 holocaust, as they are threatened by repeated public
24 declarations of complete annihilation by neighboring countries
25 which are hostile to the very existence of the Jewish nation and
26 have sworn to achieve Israel's total destruction; and

27 WHEREAS, The same countries that are hostile toward the State
28 of Israel share a similar enmity toward the United States and
29 have similarly vowed to achieve the total destruction of America
30 and our way of life; and

1 WHEREAS, The Jewish people have vowed that "never again" will
2 there be another holocaust and the Israeli government is
3 dedicated to forever securing the safety and prosperity of its
4 people for generations to come; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Israel is committed to achieving a
6 lasting peace with its neighbors through peaceful negotiations;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In the face of continued threats of violence and
9 hostility by such entities, the Israelis are pledged to doing
10 everything possible to ensure the survival of their people; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States of America and Israel continue to
12 be close allies and are committed to supporting one another as
13 free, democratic peoples; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Israel stands as a beacon of hope in
15 the Middle East for the principles of freedom and democracy and
16 the Israeli government continues to seek peace for all peoples
17 through constructive negotiation and agreement; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare its
19 undivided support for the State of Israel, recognize the special
20 relationship that exists between the United States of America
21 and Israel and offer its undivided support for the Israeli
22 government's right to defend its sovereign borders and citizens
23 from terroristic threats and from the threats of conventional
24 and nuclear war.