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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing support for the State of
3 Israel.

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5 WHEREAS, Hamas is a United States-designated terrorist
6 organization whose charter calls for the destruction of the
7 State of Israel, and

8 WHEREAS, Hamas continues to reject the Quartet Principles,
9 the set of three requirements laid out by the diplomatic entity
10 composed of the United Nations, the European Union, Russia, and
11 the United States, which are to accept previous Israeli-
12 Palestinian agreements, to renounce violence, and to recognize
13 Israel's right to exist, and

14 WHEREAS, innocent civilians are indiscriminately targeted
15 by Hamas rocket attacks, and Hamas has killed hundreds of
16 Israelis and dozens of Americans in rocket attacks and suicide
17 bombings, and

18 WHEREAS, since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, Hamas
19 and other terrorist groups have fired thousands of rockets at
20 Israel, and since June 2014, Hamas has fired approximately 3,000
21 rockets at Israel, and

22 WHEREAS, Hamas's weapons arsenal includes approximately
23 12,000 rockets that vary in range, and

24 WHEREAS, Iran has long provided material support to Hamas
25 and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, including assistance that has

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26 | enabled these terrorist organizations to produce longer-range
27 | rockets capable of striking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and

28 | WHEREAS, in order to help Israel defend itself, the United
29 | States Congress approved the fiscal year 2014 Consolidated
30 | Appropriations Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on
31 | January 17, 2014, which provides \$235 million to Israel for the
32 | research, development, and production of Iron Dome, and

33 | WHEREAS, during the most recent rocket attacks from Gaza,
34 | Iron Dome successfully intercepted dozens of rockets that were
35 | launched against Israeli population centers, and

36 | WHEREAS, the United States and Israel have also cooperated
37 | on other missile defense projects, including David's Sling and
38 | the Arrow Weapon Systems, projects designed to thwart a diverse
39 | range of threats, including short-range missiles and rockets
40 | fired by non-state actors such as Hamas, and

41 | WHEREAS, 5 million Israelis are currently living under the
42 | threat of rocket attacks from Gaza, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 | Florida:

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47 | That the Florida House of Representatives reaffirms its
48 | support for Israel's right to defend its citizens and to ensure
49 | the survival of the State of Israel, condemns the unprovoked
50 | rocket attacks aimed at Israel, and calls on Hamas to

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51 | immediately cease all rocket and other attacks against Israel.

52 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

53 | presented to the Consulate General of Israel to Florida and

54 | Puerto Rico in Miami as a tangible token of the sentiments

55 | expressed in this resolution.