

113TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 657

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. COLE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Hamas is a United States-designated terrorist organization whose charter calls for the destruction of the State of Israel;

Whereas Hamas continues to reject the Quartet's core principles—recognize Israel's right to exist, renounce violence, and accept previous Israeli-Palestinian agreements;

Whereas Hamas has killed hundreds of Israelis and dozens of Americans in rocket attacks and suicide bombings;

Whereas since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, Hamas and other terrorist groups have fired thousands of rockets at Israel;

Whereas since June 2014, Hamas has fired nearly 300 rockets at Israel;

Whereas Hamas's weapons arsenal includes approximately 12,000 rockets that vary in range;

Whereas innocent Israeli civilians are indiscriminately targeted by Hamas rocket attacks; and

Whereas 5 million Israelis are currently living under the threat of rocket attacks from Gaza: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms its support for Israel's right to de-
3 fend its citizens and ensure the survival of the State
4 of Israel;

5 (2) condemns the unprovoked rocket fire at
6 Israel; and

7 (3) calls on Hamas to immediately cease all
8 rocket and other attacks against Israel.

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