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H. RES. 777

Urging the Biden administration to demand the release of all hostages in
Gaza.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2023

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. BACON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. BANKS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CAREY, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. GRIFFITH) submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Urging the Biden administration to demand the release of
all hostages in Gaza.

Whereas, on the morning of the Jewish holiday of Simchat
Torah on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched in-
humane attacks on Israeli civilians by air, land, and sea;
Whereas at least 1,200 individuals have been killed in Israel
and 2,700 others in Israel have been wounded;

Whereas Hamas tactics have been to target, slaughter, and brutalize innocent civilians in Israel, including women, children, and the elderly;

Whereas at least 22 Americans have been killed by the attacks conducted by Hamas;

Whereas, according to the State Department, Iran provides \$100,000,000 annually to Palestinian terrorist groups in weapons and training;

Whereas, on September 11, 2023, Secretary of State Antony Blinken notified Congress that the United States had waived sanctions to allow \$6,000,000,000 in Iranian assets being held in South Korea to be released to Iran; and

Whereas at least 150 Israelis were taken hostage and President Biden confirmed there are American citizens among the hostages captured: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Biden administration to demand
3 the release of all hostages in Gaza;

4 (2) urges the Biden administration to maintain
5 all applicable sanctions on the Iranian regime, and
6 return to a policy of maximum sanctions pressure;

7 (3) urges the Biden administration to utilize all
8 other coercive and diplomatic resources at its dis-
9 posal as necessary to secure the release of Ameri-
10 cans wrongfully detained in Gaza; and

11 (4) demands the Biden administration to re-
12 freeze the \$6,000,000,000 in Iranian funds released

1 September 11, 2023, for their continued financial
2 support and encouragement of Palestinian terrorist
3 organizations.

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