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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hamas was founded with the stated goal of  
3 destroying the State of Israel; and

4 WHEREAS, Hamas has been designated by the United States  
5 Secretary of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization; and

6 WHEREAS, Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to  
7 exist, to renounce violence, and to accept previous agreements  
8 between Israel and the Palestinians; and

9 WHEREAS, Hamas has launched thousands of rockets, missile  
10 shells, and mortar shells since Israel dismantled settlements  
11 and withdrew from Gaza in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Terrorists in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip  
13 have, over a ten-day period as of May 19, 2021, fired thousands  
14 of rockets, missile shells, and mortar shells into Israel; and

15 WHEREAS, As of May 19, 2021, Hamas was firing these  
16 weapons at a rate of more than 400 explosives per 24 hours,  
17 aimed at Israeli civilians; and

18 WHEREAS, There are many public and private connections  
19 between the State of Illinois and the State of Israel, and

1 there is a desire to deepen and expand mutual opportunities;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Israel, a fellow democracy, has an inherent right  
4 to self-defense in the face of terrorist attacks; it is the  
5 responsibility of all Americans who love freedom to recognize  
6 this right to self-defense; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we express our unwavering commitment to the security of the  
10 State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure  
11 borders and recognize and strongly support its inherent right  
12 to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of  
13 terrorism; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we state our unequivocal belief that Hamas  
15 must end Gaza-linked attacks against Israel, must recognize  
16 Israel's right to exist, must renounce violence, and must  
17 agree to accept previous agreements between Israel and the  
18 Palestinians; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 delivered to President Joe Biden, U.S. Secretary of State  
21 Antony Blinken, Ambassador to the State of Israel Gilad Erdan,  
22 and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.