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House Resolution

A resolution supporting the State of Israel in
its campaign against terrorism.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States of
America was struck by homicidal terrorists in attacks that
killed thousands of the nation's citizens, destroyed the World
Trade Center Towers in New York City, severely damaged the
Pentagon, and purposefully incinerated four commercial
aircraft, including their passengers and crews, by using those
planes as missiles of deadliest destruction, and

WHEREAS, the United States also laments the tragic loss
of life experienced by Israeli and Palestinian citizens during
recent hostilities in the Mideast and the United States is
currently engaged in international and domestic efforts of
historic proportions to curb terrorism against this country
and to assist our friends and allies who are engaged in
similar efforts, and

WHEREAS, Israel, the closest ally of the United States
in the Middle East, and a true democracy in that region, has
experienced within the last year a brutal spate of homicidal
terrorist activity against its civilians by groups sponsored
or harbored by the Palestinian Authority and its chairman,
Yasser Arafat, and substantially assisted by nations in the
region such as Iraq and Iran, and

WHEREAS, one of the most recent terrorist attacks
horrified the world by targeting worshipers celebrating the
Jewish holiday of Passover, thereby constituting an assault on
all people of faith who cherish religious observance, NOW,
THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives, on behalf of the
5 citizens of Florida, asserts that it stands behind the efforts
6 of our President in support of the government and people of
7 Israel in this time of crisis; supports the State of Israel
8 and its citizens in the campaign against terror and in its
9 effort to root out the terrorist infrastructure currently
10 protected and encouraged by the Palestinian Authority and by
11 nations in the region waging war against Israel; recognizes
12 that, whether cave by cave in Afghanistan or house to house in
13 any area inhabited by terrorists, a war against terrorism
14 requires courage, conviction, and sustained effort over time;
15 and urges the President and Congress to withstand pressure
16 from those who would appease or accommodate terrorism in any
17 form or place.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of
19 Representatives recognizes that Arab peoples the world over
20 wish for peace and calls upon all Arab nations to encourage
21 accountability in the peace process by facilitating the
22 establishment of democratic institutions of government within
23 the Palestinian Authority and encouraging the Palestinian
24 Authority to place in leadership those capable of and willing
25 to negotiate and consummate a permanent peace accord.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
27 be distributed to the President of the United States, each
28 member of the Florida delegation to the United States
29 Congress, and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

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