By Senator Berman

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1   Senate Resolution

2   A resolution expressing support for the State of

3   Israel and condemning the attacks and hateful actions

4   by the Hamas terrorist group.

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6   WHEREAS, beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas, a United

7   States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, commenced an

8   unprovoked attack on the State of Israel, killing more than

9   1,400 innocent individuals, including Israelis, Americans, and

10 citizens of other nations, among whom were babies, young

11 children, and the elderly, and raping or torturing countless

12 defenseless individuals, and

13   WHEREAS, Hamas indiscriminately launched thousands of

14 rockets at private homes, schools, and hospitals and took

15 hundreds of individuals hostage, including young children and

16 the elderly, and

17   WHEREAS, this breach of Israel's borders represents the

18 most significant threat to its security since the Yom Kippur War

19 in 1973, and

20   WHEREAS, following the initial attack by Hamas, the

21 Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, backed by the Iranian regime

22 and sharing Hamas' goal of destroying the Jewish state, has also

23 waged a savage and unprovoked attack on the State of Israel and

24 on October 22, 2023, launched antitank missiles into three areas

25 in Israel, and

26   WHEREAS, the United States also suffered senseless losses,

27 with many Americans brutally murdered and many more missing or

28 taken hostage, and

29   WHEREAS, Hamas and the Iranian regime have called for the

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30 deaths of Israelis, Americans, Jews, and Christians and have
31 sought to incite acts of domestic terrorism against Jewish
32 people and communities around the world, including in the State
33 of Florida, and
34   WHEREAS, the Iranian regime provides financial and
35 logistical support to such terrorist groups as Hamas and
36 Hezbollah and has praised these recent unconscionable atrocities
37 committed against innocent civilians, and
38   WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the right of the
39 State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation,
40 and the right and obligation to defend itself, with the full
41 rights and privileges afforded to all nations under
42 international law, and
43   WHEREAS, the citizens and residents of Israel have the
44 right to live a peaceful existence without the threat of
45 indiscriminate violence and without fear of being attacked or
46 persecuted simply because they are Jewish, and
47   WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a long-standing bond and
48 alliance with the State of Israel and is proud to have the
49 third-largest Jewish population in the United States, and
50   WHEREAS, the State of Florida prays for the people of the
51 State of Israel and all those affected by this unjustified and
52 heinous attack, NOW, THEREFORE,
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54 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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56   That the Senate of the State of Florida does hereby:
57   (1) Condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by Hamas
58 against Israel, its citizens, and Americans.

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59   (2) Unequivocally support the right of the State of Israel
60 to exist as a sovereign and independent nation.
61   (3) Support the right of the State of Israel to defend
62 itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and
63 acts of terrorism.
64   (4) Demand the immediate end to any financial support,
65 whether direct or indirect, of Hamas, the Iranian regime,
66 Hezbollah, or any other entity that publicly supports these
67 attacks and other terrorist activities.
68   (5) Reject and condemn persistent threats against Jewish
69 people, institutions, and communities in the State of Florida,
70 the United States, and abroad, including those from individuals
71 and organizations committed to the extermination of the Jewish
72 people.
73   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
74 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to each member of
75 the Florida Delegation to the United States Congress and the
76 Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States as a
77 tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.