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Condemning cross-border terrorism against Israel by Hamas and Hezbollah and the complicity in these acts of terrorist aggression by Syria and Iran.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. CROWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning cross-border terrorism against Israel by Hamas and Hezbollah and the complicity in these acts of terrorist aggression by Syria and Iran.

Whereas on June 25, 2006, Hamas and allied terrorists crossed into Israel to attack a military post killing two soldiers and wounding a third, Cpl. Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped;

Whereas on July 12, 2006, Hezbollah terrorists crossed into Israel to attack Israeli troops patrolling the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon, killing three, wounding two, and kidnapping Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev;

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from southern Lebanon on May 24, 2000;

Whereas on June 18, 2000, the United Nations Security Council welcomed and endorsed United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's report that Israel had withdrawn completely from Lebanon under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from Gaza on September 12, 2005;

Whereas these unilateral withdrawals by Israel have been met by repeated cross-border incursions and regular rocket attacks and other indiscriminate fire targeting Israeli civilians;

Whereas Hezbollah and Hamas have both been designated as foreign terrorist organizations by the Department of State since 2001, and as specially designated global terrorist organizations by the Department of State since 2002;

Whereas Hezbollah and Hamas are both responsible for the murder of dozens of United States citizens;

Whereas Hezbollah and Hamas have regularly declared their enmity for the United States and their unwavering opposition to a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict that will result in the State of Israel living side-by-side in peace with all of its neighbors, including a separate Palestinian state;

Whereas Hezbollah and Hamas refuse to acknowledge the sovereignty of Israel and its right to exist;

Whereas Hezbollah and Hamas are known proxies, and nearly wholly dependent on the patronage of Iran and Syria for arms, political direction and support, intelligence, and financial assistance; and

Whereas Iran and Syria are the most active state sponsors of terrorism in the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) declares its unwavering support for the
3 State of Israel and affirms that Israel as a sovereign
4 state is entitled to act appropriately in self-defense
5 against Hezbollah, Hamas, and the states that sup-
6 port them;

7 (2) finds the cross-border attacks and
8 kidnappings by Hezbollah and Hamas constitute
9 acts of international terrorism and aggression;

10 (3) endorses the statements of President
11 George W. Bush that—

12 (A) “Israel has a right to defend herself.
13 Every nation must defend herself against ter-
14 rorist attacks and the killing of innocent life.
15 It’s a necessary part of the 21st century.”; and

16 (B) “If you really want the situation to
17 settle down, the [Israeli] soldiers need to be re-
18 turned.”;

19 (4) condemns in the strongest terms—

20 (A) the criminal and terrorist acts of ag-
21 gression against the State of Israel and its
22 armed forces;

23 (B) the terrorist groups Hezbollah and
24 Hamas;

1 (C) the primary state sponsors of global
2 terrorism, and the patrons of Hezbollah and
3 Hamas, Iran and Syria;

4 (5) demands that Iran and Syria respect the
5 sovereignty of Lebanon and withdraw all military
6 and security personnel from Lebanon and cease their
7 support for international terrorism;

8 (6) calls upon the Government of Lebanon—

9 (A) to disavow and condemn the actions of
10 Hezbollah and to make the utmost effort to fa-
11 cilitate the safe and unconditional return of the
12 kidnapped Israeli soldiers; and

13 (B) to enforce its sovereignty throughout
14 the country, to maintain effective control of its
15 borders, and to take immediate action to begin
16 disarming all Lebanese militias;

17 (7) calls upon the international community to
18 join with the United States in holding Iran and
19 Syria accountable for their support for unprovoked
20 international terrorist aggression against Israel;

21 (8) calls for the immediate and unconditional
22 release of all the kidnapped Israeli soldiers; and

1 (9) expresses its deepest condolences and sym-
2 pathies to the families of all the innocent victims of
3 the recent violence on all sides.

